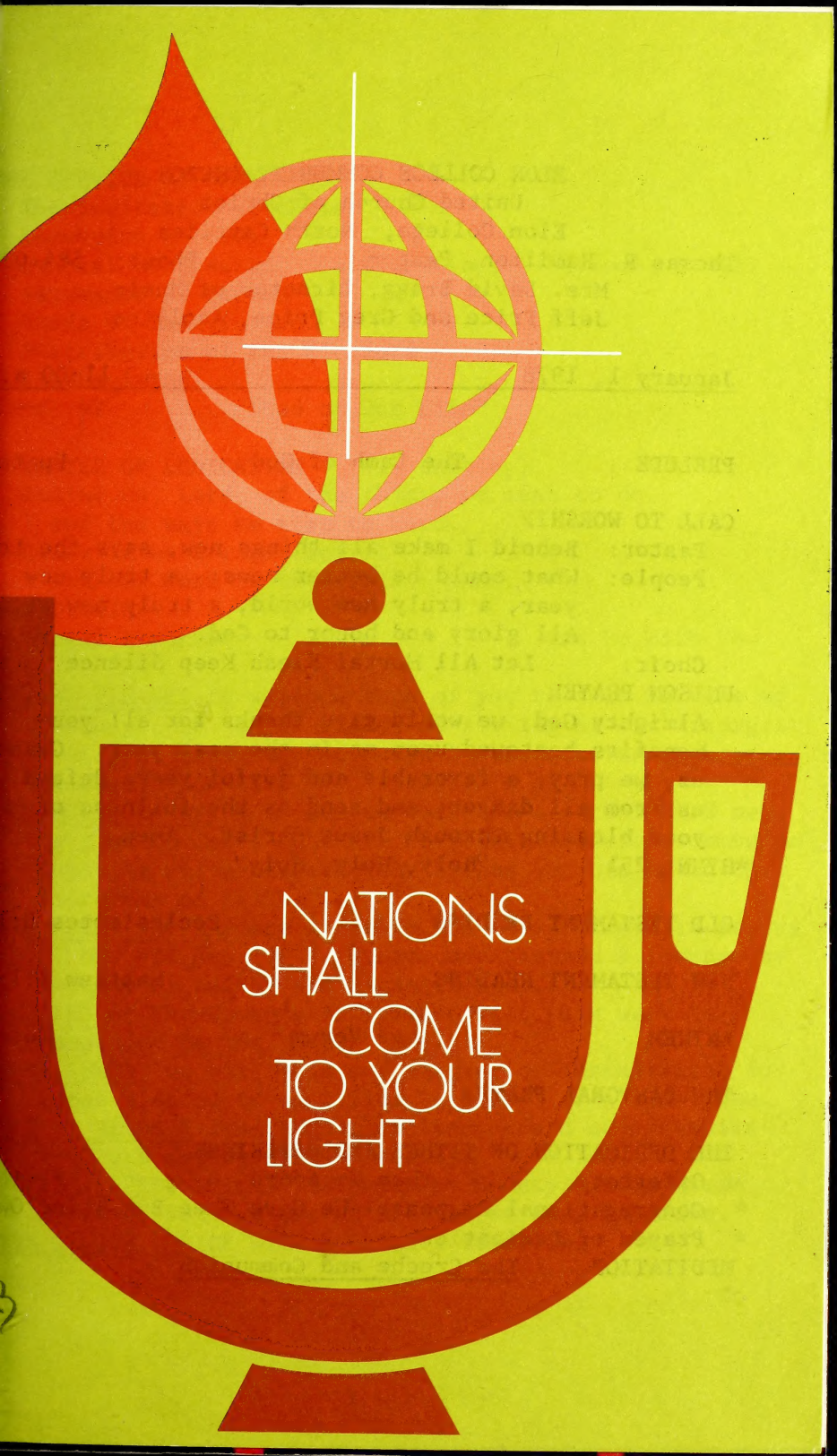
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ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
United Church of Christ
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Mrs. David Bragg, Director of Music
Jeff Price and Greg Price, Acolytes

January 1, 1978 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE The Lamb of God Peeter

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Behold I make all things new, says the Lor

People: What could be better news: a truly new year, a truly new world, a truly new us. All glory and honor to God.

Choir: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

UNISON PRAYER

Almighty God, we would give thanks for all your benefits bestowed upon us in the past year. Grant us, we pray, a favorable and joyful year, defend us from all danger, and send us the fullness of your blessing through Jesus Christ. Amen.

*HYMN 251 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

OLD TESTAMENT READING Ecclesiastes 3:1-

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 2:1-1

ANTHEM Ave Verum Mozar

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Thee We Adore Peeter

* Congregational Response--We Give Thee But Thine Owr

* Prayer of Dedication

MEDITATION The Creche and Communion

THE SERVICE OF COMMUNION
The Invitation of Christ
Communion Collect
General Confession (all uniting) Hymnal, P. 495
Assurance of Pardon
Words of Institution
Distribution of the Elements
Thanksgiving
HYMN 97 "God of Our Life"

A PRAYER OF DEDICATION (all uniting)
Remind us, Lord, of the things we mean to do
and the ways we mean to mend.
Renew in us a right spirit
for our work in the world. Amen.
BENEDICTION
Choral Response God Be With You

WE ARE PLEASED to welcome each of you to this Service of Worship. Dr. Clyde Fields is serving as our liturgist. Dr. J. E. Danieley and Ralph Oxford are the greeters. Welcome!

THE HOLY COMMUNION is served today to all confirmed members of Christ's Church. We celebrate "open communion" inviting all professing Christians to join us in this Sacrament of Faith.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Hunter and Richard A. Hunter by Dorothy H. Walker and Marjorie Hunter.

CIRCLES of the Women's Fellowship meet this week as announced in the Torch.

NEXT SUNDAY we will hold our Service of Installation for those elected to an office, a board, or a committee.

ANNUAL REPORTS from each committee, board and organization are due by Friday morning.

HOSPITALIZED: Minnie Stickles at County, Lewis Drumm at Duke, and Eve Loy at Skilled Nursing Division.

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed tomorrow.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

JANUARY 1, 1978

ISAIAH 60:1-6

In a poem for the New Year, a Hebrew prophet sees bright splendor rising on Jerusalem like the sudden Oriental dawn. Unfaith, deceit, and injustice cover the earth with thick darkness. But hope mounts: "The Lord will arise upon you." The Holy City will be a shining city: "Nations shall come to your light." Today, many people are uneasy about the world's future and steel themselves for the dark and rough years they foresee. At such times, we Christians are called to be radiant with hope in God, who turns the darkness into light and makes life's rough places into level ground.

WILLING IT CAN MAKE IT SO!

Oscar Dillon died last year at the age of 83. He had never married, bought a car, or owned his own house. But he had a dream . . . he wanted to become a millionaire. Few people in his hometown, West Frankfort, Illinois, knew about his dream. But for more than fifty years he worked at it, as the bookkeeper at the Old Ben Coal Company No. 14 Mine. Carefully, Oscar Dillon invested his earnings, buying and selling blue-chip stocks.

It wasn't until the day he died that he became a millionaire. His will startled many of his acquaintances: $600,000 to the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, $250,000 to the Illinois Southern Baptist Association, $50,000 to his own congregation, the First Baptist Church, and smaller amounts to some distant relatives, and to a variety of other organizations.

Throughout the church today, many persons are taking a closer look at who they are and what they have—and at what will happen to what they have when they are gone. If you haven't yet made a will, vow to do so today with the help of a competent attorney. Provide for your family, to be sure, but consider also making a bequest to your church, church agencies, and related causes. Do you dream of new strength for the church? *Willing* it can make it so!

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JESUS WAS BAPTIZED

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Luci Atkinson and Beth Barbee, Acolytes

January 8, 1978 11:00 a.

PRELUDE Fantasy in G Major Pachelb

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: God's promises are sure. He has come to us in Jesus of Nazareth, sharing our common lot.

People: He has assured us that he is here with us now: let us come to him in confidence.

Choir: "Holy, Holy, Holy"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN 150 "O Love, How Deep, How Broad"

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 42:1

* The Gloria Patri

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 3:13-

THE SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

Installation of officers and committee personnel

Ordination and Installation of Deacons

THE SPOKEN WORD

Anthem Begin, My Tongue, Some Heavenly Theme You

The Pastor's Prayer for the People

Welcome

* Hymn 223 "O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing"

Sermon The Signal Moment Came

THE ACT OF DEDICATION

Offertory Adagio for Organ Mendelsso

* Congregational Response - We Give Thee But Thine Ow

Prayer of Dedication
Hymn 152 "We Would See Jesus"
Benediction
Choral Response God Be With You

*Indicates when the congregation will stand

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Attending the Guest Register as Church Hostesses are Florance Smith and Ruth Dunn. Greeters of the Day are A. L. Hook and T. L. Smith.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Miss Dunn in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Dunn, Sr., and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Dunn.

THE SERVICE OF INSTALLATION is for the officers, board-members, and committee members elected by the congregation to leadership roles. William E. Price, Jr. is ordained as a deacon and installed to that office along with Kenneth Harper and Philip Mann.

TODAY: 6:30 Music Committee
7:00 Community Service Committee
8:00 Board of Deacons

THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE meets tomorrow evening at 7:30 in the library.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the congregation will be held January 22 at 7:00 p.m. All standing committees will meet at 6:15 for organizational and goal-setting purposes.

OTHER: Articles for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning...Annual reports are due from each committee and organization of the church...Lewis Drumm is a patient at Duke Hospital...Statements of 1977 financial contributions are available in the narthex. Please secure your envelope today...Dr. William Sloan will be our guest minister January 15 as we recognize Bible Sunday.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 8, 1978

MATTHEW 3:13-17

So deep and complex is Jesus that he is often interpreted by reference to some other figure. At Jesus' birth, Matthew identifies him as the "son of David." At baptism, a voice echoes Isaiah and an old coronation psalm: "This is my Son, my beloved." In mission, Jesus is seen as Ezekiel's Son of man, Israel's Messiah, the Lamb of God, the King of kings. Yet, no attempt to clothe Jesus in fitting language quite succeeds. And, though divinity shines in him, he seeks no praise or glory. Rather, he seeks to do God's will and to lead all people into a saving union with the divine life.

AN EPIPHANY FOR OUR DAY

Celebrated since the 2nd Century, Epiphany has been known by many names: Festival of the Three Kings, Day of Lights, Twelfth Night. The word, epiphany, means manifestation, and the events remembered are the manifestation of Christ to the Wise Men at the time of his birth, then of his divinity at his baptism in the River Jordan, and later of his lordship over nature in his first recorded miracle at the wedding of Cana.

Of what importance is Epiphany for us today? Epiphany can become for us a reminder that through the life of Jesus of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Lord, God is uniquely revealed to all generations. The happy moments of Christmas, recently celebrated, are drawn into sharp relief when we consider the life thus begun. And our faith stands or falls on our answer to the Lord's question: Who do you say that I am? God's Epiphany to all humanity calls forth our answer: Lord, Savior, Christ!

Charles W. Cooper, Jr., Editor
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that Jesus might be revealed

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Chris Vickers and Bert Barbee, Acolytes

January 15, 1978 Bible Sunday 11:00 a.

PRELUDE Rejoice in the Lord Fran

CALL TO WORSHIP
Pastor: O how I love thy law! It is my meditation all the day.
People: All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.
Choir: "Grant Me True Courage, Lord"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN 372 "How Firm A Foundation"

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 23 (Wycliffe Tr
* The Gloria Patri
NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 6:9-15 (Tyndale Tr

ANTHEM By the Wayside (Tr. Moravia

THE SPOKEN WORD
Hymn Reading 259 "We Limit Not the Truth of God"
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Welcome
* Hymn 253 "Book of Books, Our People's Strength
Sermon The Book of Books Dr. Slo

THE ACT OF DEDICATION
Offertory Bring Ye Gifts to God Buxtehu
* Congregational Response - We Give Thee But Thine Ow

Prayer of Dedication
Hymn 252 "O Word of God Incarnate"
Benediction
Choral Response Glory to God in the Highest

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Dr. H. H. Cunningham by Mrs. Cunningham and daughters.

WE ARE PLEASED to welcome to our pulpit today Dr. William W. Sloan, former Professor of Biblical Literature at Elon College and a member of this congregation.

THE MUSIC COMMITTEE will be going to Oxford, N. C. this afternoon to hear an organ.

THE FUN CLUB meets Tuesday morning at 10:00 in the church library.

THE COMMUNITY CHURCH THRIFT SHOP will open on Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The Thrift Shop is a project of the Community Service Committee.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the congregation will be held next Sunday evening at 7:00. All committees will meet in designated rooms at 6:15 for organizational and goal setting purposes.

STATEMENTS of 1977 financial contributions are available in the narthex. Please secure your envelope today.

VOLUNTEERS from our congregation will be delivering Meals-on-Wheels this week.

SEVERAL ANNUAL REPORTS have not been received yet. Please bring your report to the office secretary tomorrow morning.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 15, 1978

JOHN 1:29-34

"The darkness is lifting and the real light is already shining." Near the end of the First Century, someone saw that happening in the Roman Empire. Sin and death had not defeated Jesus. His way was conquering these dark forces. Once incognito, now Jesus was being acclaimed God's revelation. The community founded on him was radiant with his life. Today, we Christians are called to act and speak "that Jesus might be revealed" to a world that tolerates poverty, corrupts the spirit, and denies human rights. We are to be People of Light who work and pray so the darkness will lift.

LOVE AND BROTHERHOOD

Today is the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.—patriot, peacemaker, humanitarian, pastor. People in all walks of life, of all colors and creeds, participate in tributes to Dr. King through memorials held throughout the country, promoting and expressing his philosophy of love for all humanity. The following words, which remain anonymous, may be used to pay tribute to his ministry:

> Scientists know only what Love does. Love, properly applied, could virtually empty our asylums, our prisons, our hospitals. Love is the touchstone of psychiatric treatment. Love can be fostered, extended, used to subjugate hate and thus cure diseases. More and more clearly everyday the necessary mandate of survival—that we love our neighbors as ourselves—is being confirmed and reaffirmed. Christ gave us only one commandment, Love . . . Now to the laboratory with Love! Where Love is, there God is . . .

Ms. Ruth Ellington
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St. Louis, Missouri

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Mark Ellis and Gray Lackey, Acolytes

January 22, 1978 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Hymn of Praise Mendelssoh

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: The beginning of wisdom is to fear the Lord; to know him is to have true understanding.

People: He gives us the days of our years, the days in which we are to know him and live according to his word.

Choir: "All Praise to Thee"

*HYMN 35 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

A LITANY FOR GOD'S PEOPLE (insert

NEW TESTAMENT READING Ephesians 4:1-1

ANTHEM How Firm A Foundation Arr. Davi

THE SPOKEN WORD

The Pastor's Prayer for the People

Welcome

* Hymn 269 "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

Meditation The State of the Church

THE ACT OF DEDICATION

Offertory Thanks Be To Thee Hande

* Congregational Response - We Give Thee But Thine Own

* Prayer of Dedication

A LITANY FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

L. The Lord God has called us to be his People, his Church. Let us respond with love and praise: You are the light of the world...Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven (Matthew 5:14,16).

P. Through all times and places his word has proved true. Praise him forever for his faithfulness.

L. You are the church of God...sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ...(I Corinthians 1:2).

P. Through all times and places his word has proved true. Praise him forever for his faithfulness.

L. You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, that you may declare the wonderful deeds of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light (I Peter 2:9)

P. Through all times and places his word has proved true. Praise him forever for his faithfulness.

L. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age (Matthew 28:19-20).

P. Through all times and places his word has proved true. Praise him forever for his faithfulness.

Hymn 383 "Forward Through the Ages"
Benediction
Choral Response Holy, Holy, Holy

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E ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Dr. and Mrs. Philip R. Mann in memory of their fathers, Mr. George D. Colclough and Mr. G.C. Mann.

STANDING COMMITTEES of the church meet this evening at 6:15 for organizational and goal-setting purposes.

ANNUAL MEETING of the congregation is this evening at 7:00. Reports will be presented and other items of business considered. The Booklet of Annual Reports is available this morning for your study.

AREA MEN'S FELLOWSHIP meets Thursday evening at :00 at Shallowford Church. Reservations may be laced through the church office.

TEMENTS of 1977 financial contributions are available in the narthex. Please secure your envelope.

CONGREGATION UNITES in expressions of Christian ympathy to the Families upon the deaths of W.C. erry, Jr. on January 13 and R. Paul Everette on anuary 15.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 22, 1978

MATTHEW 4:12-23

What is the Kingdom of heaven? To us, "kingdom" can hardly mean what it does to people accustomed to monarchy, and the idea of "heaven" loses reality in the Space Age. Yet, the Kingdom of heaven is central in the teaching of Jesus. "Kingdom" denotes, not arbitrary rule, as by an Oriental despot, but the reign of mercy and of justice. "Heaven" simply refers to *God*. This *reign of God* draws near in Jesus, though it will be fully realized in the future. It comes as God's free gift, though we prepare to enter it by turning toward Jesus, the herald of God's sovereign reign.

CHRISTIAN UNITY

Much is written, and much is said, about Christians seeking oneness in the Christ they are called to follow. But what does that mean, really?

Seeking oneness means many things. Most frequently it is thought of as churches seeking organic union. Then, there is the conciliar movement—typified by such organizations as the World and National Councils of Churches, through which many parts of the body work for common causes without reference to organizational merger. Yet there is another expression of oneness that often is overlooked. In the work of American churches to advance Christ's kingdom in other lands, we work with and through churches and groups of churches in those countries. We do not impose our ideas or wishes upon others; rather we plan and work as equal partners in the mission to which we together are called.

Maybe, in a remarkable sense, this latter is the best of all definitions of "oneness."

Mr. Victor L. Jameson, Director
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CONSIDER YOUR CALL

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Alan Young and Andre Wilkins, Acolytes

January 29, 1978 11:00 a.

PRELUDE Prelude in G minor Ba

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: The Word of the Lord came to Moses, to Isaiah, to Jeremiah, and it was always the same: The Lord is one God, follow his ways.

People: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul and mind and strength, and your neighbor as yourself.

Choir: "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

*HYMN 260 "The Church's One Foundation"

OLD TESTAMENT READING Micah 6:

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 4:16

THE SPOKEN WORD

The Pastor's Prayer for the People

Welcome

* Hymn 423 "Where Cross the Crowded Ways"

Meditation Forward From Wilmington

THE ACT OF DEDICATION

Offertory Solo Love Divine Hyfry
(Janet Lyons, Soprano)

* Congregational Response - We Give Thee But Thine O
* Prayer of Dedication
* Hymn 63 "Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing"
* Benediction
* Choral Response God Be With

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

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HE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Walter L. Smith by the Family.

ODAY: 4:00 Acolytes.

HE ANNUAL MEETING of the congregation was held last Sunday evening. Copies of the annual reports and membership directory are available in the narthex.

OSPITALIZED: Maggie Oakley at Memorial and Vera Dixon at County.

RTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

HE CONGREGATION UNITES in expressions of Christian Sympathy to the Smith Family upon the death of Walter L. Smith on January 25 and to the J. E. Danieley Family upon the death of his father, Henry H. Danieley, on January 27.

IE OPENING of The Thrift Shop has been delayed due to the inclement weather. The date has now been set for February 4 from 10:30 until Noon. You are invited to give or to purchase good used clothing. The Thrift Shop is located in the Parish House. It will be open to the public these same hours on the first and third Saturdays of each month.

ANKS to Mrs. Peggy Lackey who is serving as our guest organist today.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 29, 1978

I CORINTHIANS 1:26-31

How foolish of God to act at Corinth through such poor and lowly folk! We'd know better. To have a strong church, we want the rich, sports stars, judges, beauty queens, and executives. The poor are a drag. Who wants to accommodate program and preaching to low-brows? Well, Jesus did. He was poor and lowly. His movement first took root among children, slaves, and women. Our call? It is this: that rich or poor, lowly or powerful, unschooled or learned, we are to keep ourselves open to God and humble before each other. If we must boast, it is to be "of the Lord" and of nothing else.

PACIFIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

The isolated churches of the Western Pacific Islands each have basic leadership-training institutions which provide for a variety of church leaders. From Samao and Tonga in the East to the Solomons and Papua New Guinea in the West, all these churches now look toward the Pacific Theological College (PTC) in Suva, Fiji, for advanced theological training. What PTC provides is a training that remains rooted in island life, committed to interpreting the gospel in terms that are relevant, and deeply concerned to return graduates to their home islands for work that will focus upon the pastoral ministry. It is a task of making the church an instrument of redemptive change in the midst of many disruptive pressures.

Through the United Church Board for World Ministries, you are helping to support this young college. Its presence is evidence that mission in the Western Pacific has moved from the sending and receiving of missionaries to a truly indigenous church. Our support of Pacific Theological College is evidence of our continuing concern.

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Dan Hamilton and Alan Young, Acolytes

February 5, 1978 11:00 a

PRELUDE Praises Sing to God the King Buxteh

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Worship God in the time of enthusiasm;
worship him in the time of doubt;
worship him in the time of crisis.

People: Spirit and truth are the criteria for
worship that is acceptable to God.
Only by the power of God's Spirit
can we worship him as he really is.

Choir: Holy, Holy, Holy

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

The Lord's Prayer

*HYMN 232 "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 58:1

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 17

THE SPOKEN WORD

Anthem Shout to Jehovah arr. D

The Pastor's Prayer for the People

Welcome

* Hymn 84 "The Lord's My Shepherd"

Sermon He Changed and They Changed

THE ACT OF DEDICATION

Offertory Trio for Organ C.P.E.

* Congregational Response - We Give Thee But Thine

* Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 375 "Lead On, O King Eternal"
Benediction
Choral Response God Be With You

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HE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Hughes in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Owings and Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Hughes.

ODAY: 5:00 Confirmation Class
7:30 Board of Deacons

IRCLES of the Women's Fellowship meet this week as announced in "The Torch".

OPIES of the 1977 Annual Reports and the new issue of the Membership Directory are available in the narthex today.

OSPITALIZED: Betty Fogleman at County.

HE THRIFT SHOP, established and operated by our Community Service Committee, is open on the first and third Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. until noon. You are invited to contribute or to purchase good used clothing. The Thrift Shop is located in the Parish House.

COUT SUNDAY will be celebrated February 12, 1978.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 5, 1978

ISAIAH 58:7-10

Naturally, you want your church to be an attractive place — one where the sermons are interesting, perhaps humorous, certainly brief. You hope for emotionally satisfying worship and for Sunday services that leave you cheered up and reassured about yourself. However, the result of true religion is not to make you *feel* good, but to get you to *do* good. God's mandate, says the prophet, is clear: Cease to pervert justice. Help the oppressed to break free. Share your bread with the hungry. *Then*, when called, God will say, "Here I am." And *then* shall your light rise in the darkness.

A NEW PATTERN

The scene: An area leadership school for church school teachers, at suppertime.

First teacher: "I'm getting lots of help here for my second-grade class. I wish our Director of Christian Education could do teacher-training but she is heavily committed to work with the youth."

Second teacher: "Our Director is great with the second grade. We need someone to help us with our youth."

Third teacher: "You're both lucky to have a Director at all!"

First teacher to second teacher: "Wouldn't it be great if our two churches got together and jointly employed *our* Director to work with youth and their leaders and *yours* to work with the teachers of children."

Third teacher: "Say, maybe we could get in on that, too. We need help with both children and youth. We could probably raise money for part of a salary."

Not every church is certain of the need for the services of a trained educator. But many churches are convinced that quality church education takes special knowledge and leadership. For these churches there are some advantages in this new pattern of sharing staff between several congregations.

Ms. Mary V. Atkinson, Staff Associate
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Jack LaCicero, Youth Ministry Intern
Mrs. David Bragg, Director of Music
Mark Ellis and Andre Wilkins, Acolytes

February 12, 1978 First Sunday in Lent 11:00 a

PRELUDE Prelude and Fugue in F Major B

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills. From whence does my help come? My help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth.

People: The hills and the mountains make us aware of God, even when we are in the valleys.

Choir: Praise We The Lord

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

The Lord's Prayer

*HYMN 161 "Before The Cross of Jesus"

RECOGNITION OF CUB SCOUTS

Presentation of the Charter

THE SPOKEN WORD

Old Testament Reading Genesis 3:1-13,20

New Testament Reading Matthew 4:1

Anthem Lord, For Thy Tender Mercy's Sake Farr

The Pastor's Prayer for the People

Welcome

* Hymn 153 "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

Sermon Tests of Committment

I. The Process of Testing

THE ACT OF DEDICATION

Offertory We Cry To Thee, O Lord Peet

* Congregational Response - We Give Thee But Thine (

* Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 218 "O Jesus, I Have Promised"
Benediction
Choral Response Glory to God in the Highest

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. George Noah in memory of their son, Dr. G. Alvin Noah.

WELCOME, JACK LACICERO, to our church staff as Youth Ministry Intern. Jack is serving as our Liturgist of the Morning.

TODAY: 12:00 Senior Hi Luncheon
5:00 Confirmation Class
7:00 Music Committee

WE ARE PLEASED to recognize this morning the cub scouts and leaders of Pack 51, sponsored by our church.

THE SENIOR HI YOUTH and their families will hold a carry-in luncheon at 12:00 in the Youth Room.

THE THRIFT SHOP, located in the Parish House, will be open on Saturday at 10:30 a.m.

CONGRATULATIONS to Drs. George and Carole Troxler upon the birth of Heidi Brown Troxler on February 9.

ARTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 12, 1978

ROMANS 5:12-19

Like runners in a strawberry patch, sin intertwines human nature, takes root in human life, bears fruit in human history. Sin bears lethal fruit: death. In our sin, we even make death into public policy: war, assassination, legal execution, marketing systems that enable those who have, to eat, and allows those who have not, to starve. Sin and death are our legacy from Adam. But, through Jesus Christ has come God's superabounding grace. God's grace outmatches the evil that nearly overwhelms us. It creates us into a New Humanity. It assures that, in us and our world, life will reign.

FOOTSTEPS IN THE WILDERNESS

The wilderness has a way of enhancing the difference between loneliness and being alone. Loneliness makes one think of oneself; being alone allows one to think of one's surroundings. Loneliness heightens the threat that may lurk in the shadows; being alone lets the shadows be a source of companionship and comfort. Loneliness is an affliction for which an end is sought; being alone is an opportunity we may want to foster.

As the Lenten season begins, it would be well to chart occasions of loneliness and being alone, to cite the differences that are experienced during each. How do our prayers differ? What feelings do we encounter? What companionship do we seek? By what are we threatened?

To worship the Lord and serve God may on many occasions imply being alone: being alone in our witness, set apart from the crowd, unique in behavior, or in a special use of talent. Yet it will never lead to loneliness. For the truth of the cross at the other end of Lent tells us that "Lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age." There are footsteps in the wilderness which guarantee that our being alone need never be an occasion for loneliness.

Reverend James G. Kirk, Director
Advisory Council on Discipleship and Worship
United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

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Go to the land that I will show you

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
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Mrs. David Bragg, Director of Music
Jeff Price and Greg Price, Acolytes

February 19, 1978 Second Sunday in Lent 11:00 a

PRELUDE Jesu, The Father's Only Son Van Hu

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God has made a covenant with us. He is our God, we are his people. Like Abrahar we place our trust in God that he may lea us in our venture into unknown tomorrows.

People: Wherever we are in our personal pilgrimages we pause to praise the goal of our journeys, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Choir: Praise We The Lord

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

The Lord's Prayer

*HYMN 341 "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

A LITANY OF PILGRIMAGE (Ins

THE SPOKEN WORD

Old Testament Reading Genesis 11:31-1
New Testament Reading Matthew 4:1
Anthem Out of the Depths Hova
(Mary Anne Johnston, Soprano)
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Welcome
* Hymn 153 "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"
Sermon Tests of Committment
II Fellowship in Followship

A LITANY OF PILGRIMAGE

L. Let us pray to the Lord in the words of the
holy psalmist:

All: The Lord is my shepherd,
I shall not want;
He makes me lie down in green pastures.
: The earth is the Lord's
and the fulness thereof,
the world and those who dwell therein;
for he has founded it upon the seas,
and established it upon the rivers.
: He leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.
: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?
And who shall stand in his holy place?
He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who does not lift up his soul to what is false,
and does not swear deceitfully.
: Even though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death,
I fear no evil;
for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.
: He will receive blessing from the Lord,
and vindication from the God of his
salvation.
Such is the generation of those who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.
Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
thou anointest my head with oil,
my cup overflows.
All: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
for ever.

IE GIFTS OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory	Come To The Father	Bach
Congregational Response		The Doxology
Prayer of Dedication		
Hymn 365	"Faith of Our Fathers"	
Benediction		
Choral Response	Glory to God in the Highest	

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E ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Terrell in honor of Diana, Charles, and Robert Bedford Terrell on Robbie's first birthday.

DAY: 5:00 Confirmation Class
7:00 Christian Education Committee
7:30 Senior Hi Youth
7:30 Music Committee

E FUN CLUB meets Tuesday at 10:00 in the Church Library for a "Valentine Special". Bill and Bessie Sloan will provide the program.

E BLUE AND GOLD BANQUET of Cub Pack 51 is Thursday evening at 6:30 in the Parish House.

E SPECIAL OFFERING for the One Great Hour of Sharing will be held on March 5. Envelopes and information have been mailed to the membership. Please examine the bulletin board in the narthex. On behalf of thousands of victims of natural disaster, war, and exploitation, we hope you will "feel the need and share the gift".

SPITALIZED: Maggie Oakley at Memorial; Eve Loy at Skilled Nursing Division.

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 19, 1978

GENESIS 12:1-7

[illegible] Abram. Says the Lord to Abram and Canaan: A call: "Go." A promise: "I will make [illegible]." And out of that mix: the Exodus, a political liberation [illegible] life. One of the mix: God's covenant with a people of God. One of that mix: prophetic [illegible] God's demand for justice and mercy. In this [illegible] Mission [illegible] first mix: a Spirit-created, gospel-entrusted, mission [illegible] by God to "go to the [illegible]

BLACK-CHURCH DEVELOPMENT

The General Synod of the United Church of Christ in 1975 reaffirmed the need for establishing new black churches, strengthening existing black congregations, and training and empowering black leadership as essential priorities for local church vitality. To this end, the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, the Commission for Racial Justice, and the Office for Church Life and Leadership have contributed grants, loans, leadership, and [illegible] through a process of collaboration.

Since 1975, the United Church has founded new black congregations in Port Arthur, Texas, Columbus, Ohio, and Shaker Heights, Ohio. Additional black congregations are being [illegible] in Philadelphia, St. Petersburg, and Galveston.

In many ways black congregations in strategic areas of [illegible] are being strengthened for institutional viability and mission. Many of these congregations are in the core city and provide linkage of the whole church with those who are hurting the most from economic and political oppression as well as from spiritual decadence.

Through Our Christian World Mission, we make this ministry possible.

Are you greater than 5 steps?

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Gray Lackey and Dan Hamilton, Acolytes

February 26, 1978 Third Sunday in Lent 11:00 a.

PRELUDE The Royal Banners Forward Go Van Hul

CALL TO WORSHIP (Matthew 4:8-1

Pastor: The Devil took Jesus to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world..."All this I will give you," the Devil said, "if you kneel down and worship me."

People: Jesus answered, "Go away, Satan! The scripture says, 'Worship the Lord your God and serve only him!'"

Choir: Jesus Stand Among Us

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

The Lord's Prayer

*HYMN 402 "Jesus, Where'er Thy People Meet"

THE SPOKEN WORD

Old Testament Reading Joshua 24:14-

New Testament Reading John 4:5-15,21-

Solo Legend Tchaikovsk

Charles Wilkins, Soprano

The Pastor's Prayer for the People

Welcome

* Hymn 153 "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

Sermon Tests of Commitment

III You Shall Worship the Lord

THE RESPONSE OF DEDICATION

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Congregational Response — The Doxology
Prayer of Dedication
Hymn 333 "Father Almighty, Bless Us With Thy Blessing"
Benediction
Choral Response — Day By Day

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Long, Sr. by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Yarbrough and Mr. Jim Long.

TODAY: 5:00 Confirmation Class
7:00 Community Service Committee
7:30 Senior Hi Youth
8:00 Organ Committee

THE SENIOR HI YOUTH are visiting this morning at Blessed Sacrament Church. They will also meet here at 7:30 this evening.

NEXT SUNDAY we will receive our special offering for One Great Hour of Sharing. We hope you will "feel the need and share the gift".

THE THRIFT SHOP, sponsored by the Community Service Committee, will be open on Saturday from 10:30 until noon.

HOSPITALIZED: Estelle Perry, Maggie Oakley, and Martha Whitesell at Memorial; Eve Loy at Skilled Nursing Division.

ARTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

DEVOTIONAL GUIDES for March-April are available in the narthex.

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 26, 1978

JOHN 4:5-15, 19-26

The woman had a point. There stood this strange man in the midday heat, going on about "living water," when everyone knew there was no running water in that part of Samaria — only patriarch Jacob's well. And this Jew had no bucket. No wonder her mild taunt: "Are you greater than Jacob?" He was, of course, and she soon learned what we know: that Jacob's well-water is but a token of this Man's gift of the water of eternal life. This living water wells up in us permanently, ever renewing our life. And, as once she asked, so now we pray, "Sir, give us this water, that we may not thirst."

ALL AROUND THE WORLD

The effect of the annual One Great Hour of Sharing all-church offering ripples outward to seventy countries all around the world. The needy benefit from this outpouring of Christian concern. In 1977, over $2 million was channelled through the Service Division of our United Church Board for World Ministries — most of it from the receipts of the One Great Hour of Sharing offering — for disaster relief, refugee service, social service, and development ministries.

Development work accounts for nearly two-thirds of all the expenditures, reflecting our concern for helping people to help themselves by working at longterm solutions to such problems as hunger, shelter, and economic development. The dollars which we in the United Church of Christ provide for such work are multiplied many-fold by the giving of others in the wider Christian community, since much of this work is undertaken cooperatively through Church World Service, Commission on Interchurch Aid, Refugee and World Service (World Council of Churches), and other service and development agencies in which we have both voice and vote.

From Bangladesh to Zaire, your OGHS gifts are helping!

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March 5, 1978 Fourth Sunday in Lent 11:00 a

PRELUDE Lenten Meditation Yo

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: The Devil came to Jesus and said, "If you are God's Son, order these stones to turn into bread".

People: But Jesus answered, "The scripture says 'Man cannot live on bread alone, but needs every word that God speaks'".

Choir: "Fairest Lord Jesus"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

The Lord's Prayer

*HYMN 150 "O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High"

THE SPOKEN WORD

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 55:1
New Testament Reading Luke 10:25-
Anthem O Jesus, We Adore Thee Chora
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Welcome
* Hymn 153 "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"
Sermon Tests of Commitment
IV. Compassion

THE RESPONSE OF DEDICATION

Offertory Aria in G Peete
* Congregational Response The Doxolo
* Prayer of Dedication
* Hymn 157 "In The Cross of Christ, I Glory"
* Benediction
* Choral Response Holy, Holy, Ho

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Dixon.

TODAY: 5:00 Confirmation Class
6:00 The Seekers' Church School Class will hold a covered-dish supper in the Choral Center.
6:30 The Senior Hi Youth will meet to go bowling.
7:30 Board of Deacons

THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Shared Approaches (CE:SA) may be previewed from 2:30 to 4:30 this afternoon at The First Christian Church, Burlington.

HOSPITALIZED: Maggie Oakley at Memorial and Eve Loy at Skilled Nursing Division.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING: "Farming is indeed a constant struggle, sometimes to the point of frustration. But when the water gushes out of the well and when the fields are full with ripe harvest, we cry out, 'O God, how great thou art!'"

Thus wrote the Rev. Daniel Francis, the treasurer of the Rural Life Program in Central India, as a part of his report on the digging of seventy wells, the deepening of water reservoirs, known as "tanks", and the improvement of irrigation facilities.

It was your One Great Hour of Sharing dollars that did this work in the spring of 1977 in response to an appeal for drought relief."

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 5, 1978

JOHN 9:1-11

Why was this man born blind? Was it due to a senseless accident in his genes? Was it to punish his parents' sin? Had the man, himself, sinned in the womb, as some rabbis thought possible? Jesus set such questions aside. This was no time to speculate. It was time for God's work. So Jesus gave sight and light to the man. Our self-serving theories about poverty, oppression, and pain may seem to get us off the hook of doing anything about them. But baptism in Jesus' name *sends* us to assist our neighbors with their attainment of wholeness and joy and faith in Christ, the world's Light.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

The One Great Hour of Sharing is the common effort of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.; the United Presbyterian Church, the United Church of Christ, and the Christian Church (which calls it the Week of Compassion), and of more than two dozen other denominations to raise funds for relief and development around the world.

Funds from OGHS are used in more than 70 countries overseas. Much of the money is used for work we do together through Church World Service, an agency of the National Council of Churches.

In this country as well as overseas, OGHS funds are used to help provide disaster relief.

Last year, shortly before the disasterous Johnstown flood and the Santa Barbara fire, CWS added a full-time staff person to coordinate domestic disaster relief. Whenever you hear of a major disaster—fire, flood, drought, war—in the U.S.A. or overseas, your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing or to the Week of Compassion are among the first to reach the scene. Make your gift to OGHS a generous one!

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Gray Lackey and Dan Hamilton, Acolytes

March 12, 1978 Fifth Sunday in Lent 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE At the Cross We Humbly Bow Walthe

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Though Jesus was in the form of God, he took the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. He humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

People: At the name of Jesus every knee should bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Choir: "Fairest Lord Jesus"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

The Lord's Prayer (all uniting

*HYMN 326 "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"

THE SPOKEN WORD

A Lenten Reading "One Solitary Life

New Testament Reading John 1:1-1

Anthem Carol of Hope Traditiona

The Pastor's Prayer for the People

Welcome

* Hymn 153 "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

Sermon Tests of Commitment

V. Beside the Man

THE RESPONSE OF DEDICATION

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* Congregational Response The Doxolog

* Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn 152 "We Would See Jesus"
* Benediction
* Choral Response Glory to God in the Highest
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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. S.L. Allen in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Carnes and the Reverend and Mrs. Noel J. Allen.

TODAY:

4:00	Confirmation Class
7:00	Music Committee
7:30	Stewardship and Missionary Education Committee
7:30	Senior Hi Youth

THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP Quarterly Meeting is tomorrow evening at 7:30 in the Parish House.

THE THRIFT SHOP will be open on Saturday morning from 10:30 until noon.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING has been called for next Sunday at noon to consider items related to the purchase of a new pipe organ.

OUR OGHS OFFERING to date is $582.34. Envelopes are still available in the narthex.

HOSPITALIZED: Gray Lackey and Howard Loy at Memorial.

THE CONGREGATION UNITES in an expression of Christian Sympathy to the Family upon the death of Maggie King Oakley on March 4.

ARTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

THOSE WHO WISH to provide an Easter Lily for March 26 are asked to notify the office secretary.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 12, 1978

JOHN 11:1-4, 17, 34-44

Because Lazarus was restored to life, Jesus was condemned to death. The chief priests and the Pharisees at Jerusalem heard that Jesus had raised a dead man. They held a meeting of the supreme judicial council and argued that, should Jesus go on performing signs like the raising of Lazarus, all of Israel would believe in him and revolt against the occupying Roman army. To avert the destruction such an uprising would bring, they plotted to kill Jesus. Yet, in the death of Jesus, God shared our human death and provided for all of humankind the gift of everlasting life.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Church Women United is a national movement through which Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Orthodox women express the ecumenical dimensions of their faith by working in a visible fellowship. Approximately 2,000 local units take part in on-going national programs which foster international community, combat hunger, racism, and lack of education, and work across minority and cultural lines for equal participation of women in society and for meeting crucial issues through citizen action.

Three "celebrations" are held each year. World Day of Prayer, the first Friday in March, encourages women in 170 countries to pray as one for courage to witness in new forms of mission on every continent. May Fellowship Day, the first Friday in May, emphasizes creative and healing relationships in the midst of every local community. World Community Day, the first Friday in November, stresses responsible corporate action for justice and peace.

Individuals in CWU participate as volunteers, advocates, and enablers: praying, studying, giving, working together across denominational lines.

Mrs. Ruth E. Esche
Marietta, Georgia

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Jesus Christ is Lord

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PRELUDE The Triumphant Christ Yo

CALL TO WORSHIP The Minis

*PROCESSIONAL 155 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

*INTROIT

Pastor: The disciples began to rejoice and praise God, proclaiming to all:

People: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Pastor: Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.

People: Hosanna in the highest!

Choir: Morning Star

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 50:

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The Silent Prayers of the People

The Pastor's Prayer for the People

ANTHEM Gloria Vival

THE OFFERING

Offertory Thanks Be To Thee Hand

* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn 227 "Fairest Lord Jesus"

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

8:30 a.m. EASTER BREAKFAST Parish House

Please make _____ Easter Breakfast reservations for me ane my family.

_____
(Signed)

A donation will be received to cover expenses.

THE PALM [illegible]
of God in memory of Rev. John R. Kittenger and Patricia Kittenger by the Family. Following the Service, individual palm branches will be distributed to each worshiper.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will follow our Service of Worship. The purpose is to act on recommendations relative to the purchase of a new organ.

TODAY: 4:00 A Dogwood Tree is dedicated to children
5:00 Confirmation Class
6:30 Christian Education Committee
7:00 Community Service Committee
7:30 Senior Hi Youth

OUR MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE begins at 7:30 p.m. and will include the Sacrament of Holy Communion celebrated at the altar.

THOSE WHO WISH to provide an Easter Lily for next Sunday are asked to notify the office secretary by Thursday morning.

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SERMON The Final Days

*HYMN 175 "Ride On, Ride On In Majesty"

*BENEDICTION
Choral Response Glory To God In The Highest
THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

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THE PALM ARRANGEMENT on the altar is given to the Glory of God in memory of Rev. John R. Kittenger and Patricia Kittenger by the Family. Following the Service, individual palm branches will be distributed to each worshiper.

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HOSPITALIZED: Howard Loy at Memorial and Eve Loy at Skilled Nursing Division.

PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 19, 1978

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

The church does wrong when it reads too easy a triumphalism into the story of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on the day tradition has labeled "Palm Sunday." We must remember what waited for Jesus within the city walls: confrontation, trial, pain, and death. Today, many who live in obedience to Jesus risk similar confrontation and sacrifice as they witness for justice, freedom, and peace in Korea, Latin America, Southern Africa, and our own nation. These followers of Jesus show us what it means to authentically proclaim to "the principalities and powers" that Jesus Christ is Lord.

A CORONATION CEREMONY

The main point of Palm Sunday is that it was a Coronation Ceremony. Jesus shed his anonymity: King Jesus, the Messiah for the Jews, the Christ for the Gentiles, rode into Jerusalem to receive his crown.

The disciples got their hopes up prematurely, because they thought the crown would be made of jewels. Jesus had no such false hopes. He knew it would probably be made of thorns.

They shouted, "Blessed is the King, Glory in the Highest!" Finally the truth was public. The world would know what they had kept secret. No doubt they envisioned a throne in the Temple, high and lifted up, that all the world might behold their King. An inscription over the throne, in words all the world could understand, "This is the King of the Jews." Jesus obviously knew that he would be lifted up . . . that there would be such an inscription. But the words would hang with him upon a cross.

Palm Sunday is the truth. The King rode into Jerusalem that day. Had the disciples remained silent, the very stones would have shouted.

Palm Sunday is still a parade, when disciples of Jesus sing praises to him, abandon some reserve, and dare to stand up for him and with him. If we remain silent, the very stones will shout!

Rev. Harry Beverely, Pastor
Druid Hills Presbyterian Church
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ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
Maundy Thursday Worship
March 23, 1978

ORGAN PRELUDE
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross — Benje
O Sacred Head Now Wounded — Bac
Thee We Adore — Peeter

A SILENT PRAYER
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation and uphold me with thy free spirit.

HYMN 158 "Go To Dark Gethsemane"

THE BETRAYAL — Matthew 26:20-2

THE DESERTION — Matthew 26:31-3

HYMN 329 "O Jesus, Thou Art Standing" (stanza 3

THE AGONY — Luke 22:39-4

THE VIGIL — Mark 14:32-4

HYMN 178 "Tis Midnight and on Olive's Brow"

THE ACCEPTANCE — John 17:1-

THE PRAYER FOR UNITY — John 17:15-2

ANTHEM Alone Thou Goest Forth — Bango

THE ARREST — John 18:1-

THE VIA DOLOROSA — Mark 15:16-2

THE MEDITATION The Ultimates

A CONFESSION OF SIN (all uniting)

Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess our many sins which we have committed by thought, word, and deed. We do earnestly repent. For the sake of thy dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us; and grant that we may hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life. Amen

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE UPPER ROOM REMEMBRANCE

The Words of Institution
The Prayer of Consecration
The Communion

(Participants may come forward individually for private communion served at the chancel steps. After communing, please return to a pew for private meditation until all have communed.)

*A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Jesus, you have died that we might live.
People: Humbly, we thank you.
Pastor: You have suffered that we might be forgiven.
People: Humbly, we thank you.
Pastor: You will rise again that we may have eternal life.
People: Humbly, we thank you.
Pastor: Make us strong in our faith and secure in our hope that we may die to rise again with you.
People: Humbly, we ask you. Amen

*BENEDICTION

Alleluia
OCCASIONS MARK 14:26

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out of the tomb!

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
United Church of Christ
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Mrs. David Bragg, Director of Music
Mark Ellis and Chris Vickers, Acolytes

March 26, 1978 Easter Sunday 11:00 a

PRELUDE Fantasy For Easter Morning Yo

CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL 182 "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

*INTROIT

Pastor: Yesterday the world was dark: the curtain of the temple was rent, the earth shook, even guards wondered if this man was a Son of God.

People: Today the world rejoices, for the risen Savior lives again among us. All praise to Jesus Christ.

Choir: "Thine is the Glory"

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 20:1

ANTHEM Jubilate Deo Sowe

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE OFFERING

Offertory Thou Art Triumphant, O Christ Van Hul

* Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

SERMON The First Easter, A Remembrance

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Invitation

Communion Collect, Hymnal page 495

THE EASTER LILIES are given to the Glory of God

in memory of W. C. Perry, Jr.
by Estelle Perry and Family;

in memory of Walter Smith
by Goldie Smith and Family;

in memory of Reverend Guy Veazey
by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Griswold and girls;

in memory of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Todd and
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Barney, Sr.
by Mr. and Mrs. John Barney;

in memory of Worden J. Updyke, Jr.
by Al, Penny, Jane, Jay, and Edrianna;

in memory of Mrs. Edrie Goodway
by Al, Penny, Jane, Jay, and Edrianna;

in honor of their parents
by Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Starr;

in honor of the Pastor and Family
by Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Hook

Words of Institution
Prayer of Consecration
The Communion
* Prayer of Thanksgiving, Hymnal page 496
*HYMN 192 "The Day of Resurrection"

*BENEDICTION
Choral Response Glory To God in the Highest

*Indicates when the congregation stands.

WELCOME to all who share our worship on this Easter Sunday and especially to the visitors among us. Visitors are asked to sign the Guest Register in the narthex or one of the cards in the pews. Attending the Guest Register are Dick and Jane Rinker.

OUR PRACTICE is to observe "Open Communion", inviting all professing Christians to join us in this Sacrament of Faith.

THE FUN CLUB will meet Tuesday morning at 10:00 a.m. in the Church Library. The program will be led by Phyllis Young.

CUB PACK 51 meets Thursday evening at 7:30 in the Parish House for the Pinewood Derby.

THE THRIFT SHOP in the Parish House will be open on Saturday from 10:30 until noon.

HOSPITALIZED: Lewis Drumm at Duke, Howard Loy at Memorial, and Eve Loy at Skilled Nursing Division.

THE CONGREGATION UNITES in an expression of Christian Sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. J. Mark McAdams upon the death of her sister, Mrs. Luella S. Lewis of Greensboro on March 22.

ARTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Mrs. C. B. Ellis, Jr. and Wilkes E. Lowe,III by Mrs. and Mrs. Wilkes Lowe, Jr.

EASTER

MARCH 26, 1978

JOHN 20:1-9

Striking is the claim that Jesus came out of the *womb* and the *tomb*. How strange: a God born of peasant parents in an obscure farm town! Other gods were said to spring from the head of a deity, to be born on Olympus, or rise in the heavens. Stranger still, that an executed mortal, bound in the winding-cloth of death and rock-sealed in a grave, should break from the tomb into a life-giving life unlike that of any human or god. Jesus, the human God, experienced our full fragility and, amid our humanness, now shares his victory with us. We shall break out of *our* tomb. Alleluia!

ALIVE FOREVERMORE!

For Christians in the first century faced with persecution, what a word of encouragement and hope to know that not the persecuting State but their Lord is the alpha and omega, the first and the last!

Easter is no optional extra to the Christian faith. It is the proclamation that he who lived is he who lives, not as a revived corpse in the past but as God's new creation forever.

The resurrection is no occurrence for us to methodically prove; it is God's power to bring new life by which we faithfully move.

An archaic myth, an obsolete word, some pious wishful thinking? Yes, if we try to fit it into what we can devise and control. But never if we regard it as God's power of love to make whole.

Heroes come and heroes go: men whom we adore. But Christians see in Jesus: alive forevermore!

Alive not simply in the first century but in the twentieth. Is how we treat that message the core of our problem today?

With Easter as only tangential to living the Christian way?

For Easter proclaims Christ as present to bring us all power and joy. To give us a love for all seasons that nothing can ever destroy.

Paul L. Hammer
Colgate, Rochester/Bexley Hall/Crozer Theological Schools
Rochester, New York

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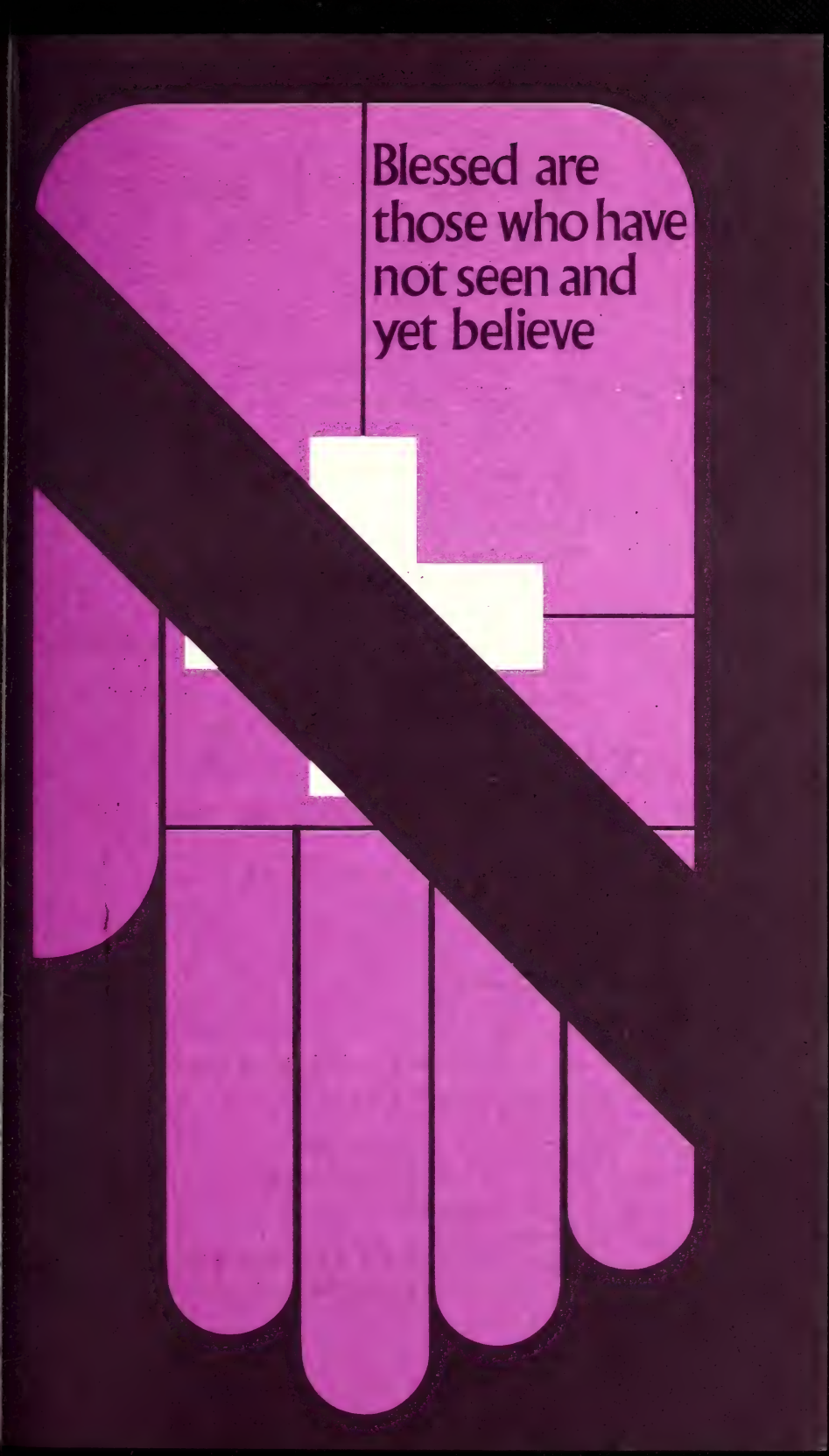
Blessed are
those who have
not seen and
yet believe

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April 2, 1978 11:00 A.

PRELUDE The Christ is here Among Us Maekerberg

CALL TO WORSHIP From the Te Deum Laudam

Pastor: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts Heaven and Earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.

People: We praise thee, O God: We acknowledge thee to be the Lord. All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.

Choir: "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

The Lord's Prayer

*HYMN 228 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

UNISON READING 120 Isaiah 55:6-13 P. 5

* Gloria Patri

CHILDREN'S SERMON

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 20:19-

SERVICE OF PRAYER

Prayer Hymn 342 "I Need Thee Every Hour"

Silent Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

OFFERING OF SELF AND POSSESSIONS

Offertory Adagio for Organ Ba

* Congregational Response The Doxolo

* Prayer of Dedication

ANTHEM SOLO I Know That My Redeemer Liveth Hand

(Peggy Lackey, Soprano)

SERMON Because of Easter

HYMN 190 "Lift Up Your Hearts, Ye People"

BENEDICTION
Choral Response Holy, Holy, Holy

*Indicates when the congregation will stand

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Attending the Guest Register as Host and Hostess are Dr. and Mrs. Phil Mann. Greeters of the day are Mack Lackey and George Noah.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Walter L. Smith by Mr. and Mrs. Cary Matlock.

TODAY:
5:00 Confirmation Class
7:30 Senior Hi Youth
7:30 Board of Deacons
8:00 Organ Committee

CIRCLES of the Women's Fellowship meet this week as announced in "The Torch".

YOU ARE INVITED to share in the "Clean-up Day" on Wednesday, starting at 9:00 a.m. Please bring any supplies for light cleaning or raking.

PLEASE SECURE your statement of first quarter contributions in the narthex.

CONGRATULATIONS to Benjamin J. Jordan and Ruth S. Sherrill whose Service of Marriage was celebrated yesterday.

HOSPITALIZED: Dr. David Bragg at Duke.

SECOND SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE

APRIL 2, 1978

JOHN 20:19-31

Some experiences can dispel doubt as the sun melts morning mists: a profitable career, the birth of a child, rescue from threatened ruin. Such events inspire belief that God is present in life. But what, when grief chills the heart and despair shrouds the mind? What, when prayer chokes in the throat and God is hidden in the thick fog of our doubt? Then, we must struggle to pray, cling to what trust remains and own our doubt honestly. When life's landscape grows bleak, we must diligently seek to believe, sustained by the companionship of disciples of an unseen and always present Lord.

TRAINING PASTORS IN COSTA RICA

What do you do when the church is growing so rapidly and congregations are being established at such a rate that the existing seminaries cannot turn out pastors fast enough? One answer might be to expand the existing seminaries. Another answer, however, is that which has been found in Latin America where Bible institutes and seminaries cannot keep pace with the demand and where congregations are many times led by gifted lay leaders with job and family responsibilities but with little formal education.

That answer is TEE, Theological Education by Extension. This program, begun several years ago in Guatemala, uses workbooks and self-teaching programmed texts to train lay leaders where they live and prepare them to serve their own communities. A typical class may include a couple of technical school students, several farmers, a garage mechanic, and a weaver. They work at the texts individually and then gather in small groups locally under the direction of a professor who comes from a neighboring seminary once or twice a month.

Members of the United Church of Christ are represented in this program through missionary Ken Mulholland, who helped with the preparation of materials for the program, serves on the faculty of the Latin American Biblical Seminary in San Jose, Costa Rica, and helps supervise the Theological Education by Extension program there.

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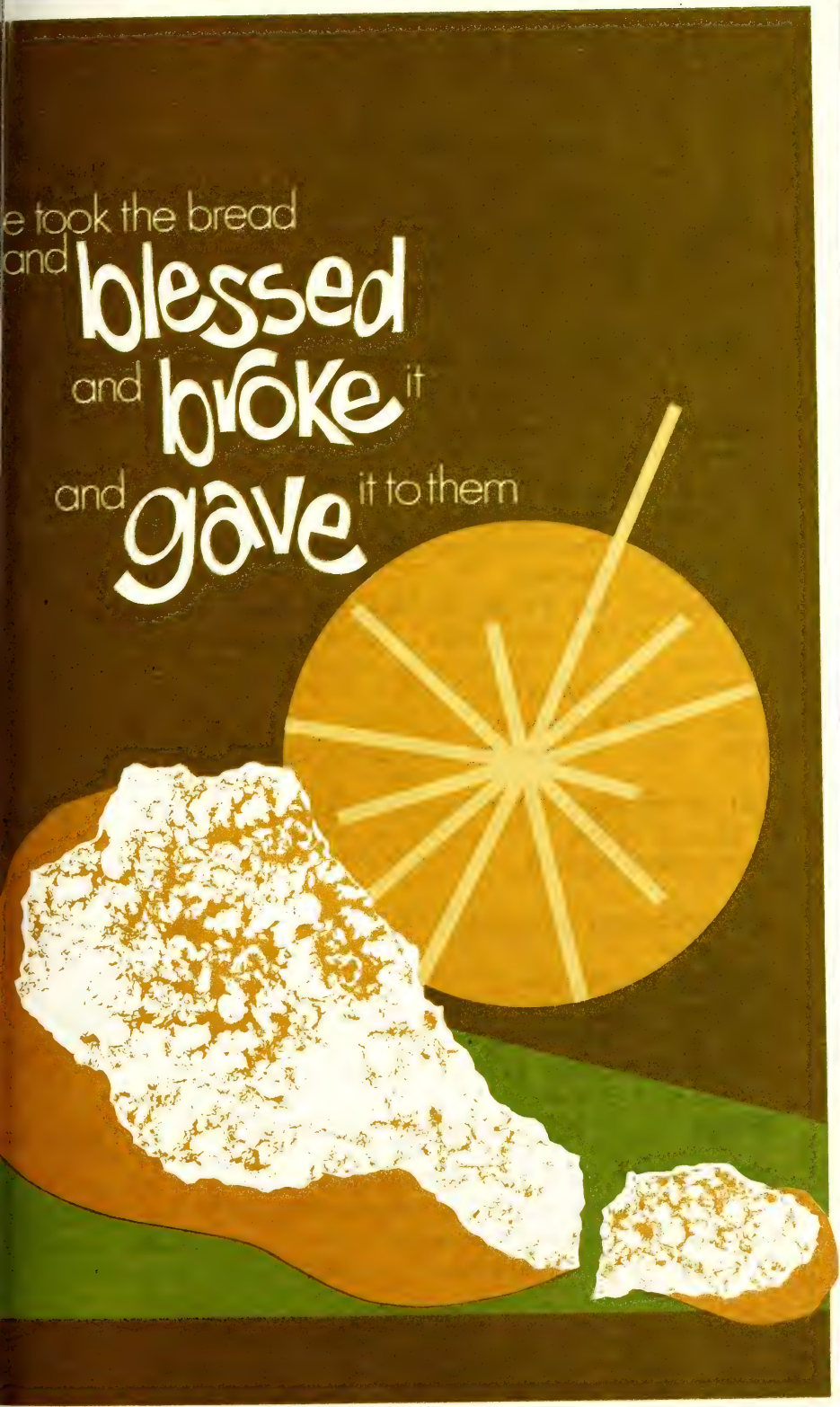
e took the bread
and blessed
and broke it
and gave it to them

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April 9, 1978 11:00 A.M

PRELUDE Bless the Lord, O My Soul Dar

CALL TO WORSHIP From the Te Deum Laudamu

Pastor: Thou art the King of glory, O Christ. Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.

People: Day by day we magnify thee; we worship thy name ever, world without end.

Choir: "O Morning Star"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

The Lord's Prayer

*HYMN 15 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

UNISON READING 125 Matthew 5:3-16 P. 54

* Gloria Patri

CHILDREN'S SERMON

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 10:1-12,16

SERVICE OF PRAYER

Prayer Hymn 353 "Lord, I Want To be A Christian" (St. 1,2)

Silent Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

ANTHEM All In the April Evening Roberton

OFFERING OF SELF AND POSSESSIONS

Offertory Dialogue for Two Voices Pachelbel

* Congregational Response The Doxology

* Prayer of Dedication

SERMON They Gave In

HYMN 371 "He Who Would Valiant Be"

BENEDICTION
Choral Response Glory to God in the Highest

*Indicates when the congregation will stand

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Attending the Guest Register as Host and Hostess are Willard and Sybil White. Greeters of the day are Leroy Hughes and T. L. Smith.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Lankford in memory of their daughter, Marsha, and his brother, Mr. Wilbur C. Lankford.

TODAY: 5:00 Confirmation Class
7:00 Outreach Committee
7:00 Music Committee
7:30 Senior Hi Youth

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Southern Conference will be held at Virginia Beach on Friday and Saturday. Our delegate, Dr. J. E. Danieley, and the Pastor will be attending.

A CAR WASH will be held on Saturday starting at 9:00 a.m. in the church parking lot. The Senior Hi Youth are raising money for a beach retreat later this month. Cars will be washed for $1.50 each.

FAMILY NIGHT for next Sunday evening is being planned by the Music Committee. It is to be a covered dish supper in honor of our birthday as a congregation. You will also hear about plans to present ourselves a new pipe organ for our ninetieth birthday. We hope you can come.

ARTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

PLEASE SECURE your statement of first quarter contributions in the narthex.

THIRD SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE

APRIL 9, 1978

LUKE 24:13-35

The Emmaus story about two disciples and the unknown Christ displays three gifts of God. There is physical bread to satisfy a foot-sore and hungry pair. Mahatma Ghandi said, "There are so many hungry people that God cannot appear to them except in the form of bread." There is the bread of God's Word. Beginning with Moses, the stranger interpreted the scripture concerning Christ's death and glory. And there is the One we know as "the living bread." When the stranger took the loaf, blessed, broke, and gave it, they saw that he was Jesus. "Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me."

CONSULTATION ON CHURCH UNION

The Consultation of Church Union (COCU) began in 1962 and includes ten denominations: African Methodist Episcopal Church, African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, Episcopal Church, National Council of Community Churches, Presbyterian Church U.S., United Church of Christ, United Methodist Church, and the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

COCU has reached working agreements on unity, membership, faith and worship. The whole matter of the placement of ministers is still to be resolved and is the current major focus of COCU. The agreements reached are available in a booklet *In Quest of a Church of Christ Uniting*—An emerging Theological Consensus, from COCU, 228 Alexander St., Princeton, N.J. 08540 (50c). Most of the denominations have approved a Mutual Recognition of Members and readily accept membership transfers from the others.

Rev. Fred P. Register, Minister
Southern California Conference
United Church of Christ

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we do not
know where you
are going
how can we know
the way ?

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Mary Anne Johnston, Youth Choral Director
Andre Wilkins and Gray Lackey, Acolytes

April 23, 1978 11:00 A.

PRELUDE Ricercare in G Major Pachelb

UNISON CALL TO WORSHIP The Salem Covena
We covenant with the Lord and one with another and do bind ourselves in the presence of God, to walk together in all his ways, according as he is please to reveal himself unto us in his blessed word of tr

CHORAL INTROIT This is the Day the Lord Hath Made
Prayer of Invocation

*HYMN 14 "The God of Abraham Praise"

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
* The Statement of Faith

ANTHEM The Lord, He Made the Earth and Sky
Children's Cho

CHILDREN'S SERMON

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 14:1-1

SERVICE OF PRAYER
Choral Invitation Let My Prayer Come Up Into Thy
Silent Prayers Presence
Pastoral Prayer

OFFERING OF SELF AND POSSESSIONS
Offertory Adagio for Organ Van Huls
* Congregational Response The Doxolog
* Prayer of Dedication

ERMON For Troubled Hearts

YMN 372 "How Firm a Foundation"

ENEDICTION
Choral Response God Be In My Head

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

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HE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Primm, Sr. in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Primm and Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Holman, Sr.

ODAY: 5:00 Confirmation Class
7:00 Community Service Committee
7:00 Senior Hi Youth
8:00 Finance Committee

HE SACRAMENT of Holy Baptism is administered to Heidi Brown Troxler, daughter of Drs. George and Carole Troxler.

LEDGES are received today for the new organ project. Those who so desire may have canvassers visit next Sunday afternoon. Our goal is to receive pledges and contributions of $72,000 over a three-year period.

OSPITALIZED: Joy Hamilton at Memorial.

HE CONGREGATION unites in an expression of Christian Sympathy to the Family upon the death of Alice J. Joye on April 19.

UB PACK 51 meets Thursday evening at 7:30 in the Parish House.

LUMNI WEEKEND is April 28-30. The Elon College Choir will assist in our Service of Worship next Sunday.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE

APRIL 23, 1978

JOHN 14:1-12

Jesus: the *way*. What does that mean? "Way" means road, custom, or journey. Jesus is a freeway to the truth. He sets before us a pattern which, when followed, brings abundant and eternal life. His attitude toward people enables us to see *ourselves* as God sees us: worth love and redemption. The manner of Jesus shows us the way to live with and for *others*. His feeling for the *world* inspires us to look upon the world as a home to be cherished, tended, and conserved. Jesus guides us on our pilgrimage to a full vision of the divinely intended life and to saving faith in *God*. Jesus: *the* way.

FIFTY YEARS OF CAMPUS MINISTRY IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

This year, the campus ministry program in Southern California began its second half-century. Now part of the national United Ministries in Higher Education, the work encompasses ministries of the Church of the Brethren, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the United Church of Christ, and the United Presbyterian Church. Support for work on more than fourteen campuses in Southern California is now funded by these sponsoring denominations. This cooperative work was heavily Presbyterian in early years. Although the U.C.C. began college work in Southern California in the early thirties, it has laid great emphasis on this work only since the early 1960's.

The church's active presence in and support of higher education is essential to witness to its belief that faith and learning are inseparable. The love of God requires a deep concern on the part of the church for all that goes on in higher education, a concern expressed both in support and in responsible criticism. A part of this concern is for the moral uses of knowledge, a knowledge which has been enlightened with value!

You support United Ministries in Higher Education through your gifts to Our Christian World Mission.

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ERE WAS MUCH JOY

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Allen Young and Dan Hamilton, Acolytes

April 30, 1978 11:00 A.

PRELUDE Andante Cantabile C.P.E. Ba

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choral Introit Christ Indeed Is Risen A. Kopylo
*PROCESSIONAL 30 "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"

ANTHEMS Sing Unto God Hand
Psalm 100 Zimmerm
OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm

NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 12:1,2,19-

SERVICE OF PRAYER
Choral Invitation Kum Ba Yah
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
OFFERING OF SELF AND POSSESSIONS
Offertory When in the Hour of Deepest Need J.S. Bac
* Congregational Response The Doxolog
* Prayer of Dedication
SERMON Reasonable Service

ANTHEMS For the Mountains Shall Depart
(Frieda Matkins, Soprano)
Go Out With Joy H. Beeb
*RECESSIONAL 366 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

*BENEDICTION

CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Attending the Guest Register as Hostesses are Mrs. Minnie Hook and Mrs. Mary Graham Mackintosh. Greeters of the day are Mark McAdams and Dr. J. E. Danieley.

HE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Oxford in memory of their parents.

E ARE PLEASED to celebrate with Elon College this portion of Alumni Weekend. Thanks to the college choir and Dr. James Cobb for their ministry of music.

ODAY: 2:00 Canvass for the Organ Fund
5:00 Confirmation Class
7:30 Senior Hi Youth

LEDGES are received today for the new organ project. Our goal is to receive pledges and contributions of $72,000 over a three-year period. The canvassers will meet at 2 P.M. for calls in your homes.

IRCLES of the Women's Fellowship will meet this week:
Circle #1 meets with Mrs. Della Scott
Circle #2 meets with Mrs. K. K. Hughes
Circle #3 meets with Mrs. Lois Bost
Circle #4 meets with Mrs. Cary Matlock
Circle #5 meets with Mrs. George Noah

AY FELLOWSHIP DAY, sponsored by Church Women United, will be held Friday at noon at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Comforter.

ONGRATULATIONS to Margaret Cunningham and Dr. James Bumgartner whose Service of Marriage was celebrated yesterday in Duke Gardens.

HE CONGREGATION UNITES in an expression of Christian Sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Fogleman, Jr. upon the death of her mother, Mrs. Ruth Pendergrass, on April 24.

THER: Articles for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning...Joy Hamilton is a patient at Duke Hospital ...Devotional guides are available in the narthex.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE
RURAL LIFE SUNDAY

APRIL 30, 1978

ACTS 8:4-8, 14-17

The church had sprung to life in Jerusalem and had grown rapidly. Now, however, it was being persecuted violently by the same forces that had killed Jesus. A mob murdered Stephen. Saul got Christians dragged from their homes and thrown in jail. The apostles had to flee. But they neither hid nor hanged crepe. Scattered to Samaria, they spread the news of Jesus. There, for the first time, the gospel penetrated the Gentile world. Crowds heard eagerly. People were transformed. The excitement was like that at Jerusalem the day the church was born. Amid adversity, faithfulness produced much joy.

TIES TO THE LAND AFFIRMED

Many members of the United Church of Christ still have close ties to the land; they either farm or are engaged in work relating to farming or ranching. Others have come from farm families and many still have relatives who live in rural areas. It should, therefore, be no surprise that the United Church of Christ often lends its support to legislation which favors the small family-farm operation.

This past year, for example, testimony by Rev. David Ostendorf, a U.C.C. minister and a staff member of the ecumenical South Illinois Project, was designed to counter the proposed Ag-I Bill which would have encouraged the shift of land from farming to mining interests. Concern has also been voiced over the increasing tendency of large corporations and conglomerates to dominate the farm scene at the expense of small farm operators.

While the church has often voiced concern over the plight of persons caught up in urban poverty or left behind in rural pockets of poverty in the mountains of Appalachia, it is now showing increasing concern for those who till the land, those upon whom the rest of us so much depend for food. The "heart" of not only our nation but also our denomination lies in rural and small-town America.

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May 7, 1978 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Fantasy and Chorale Your

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choral Introit Lo, God is Here
PRAYER OF INVOCATION (in unison)
O eternal God and Father of us all, implant within us the growing seeds of faith and truth, that all our days may bring forth the blessings of discipleship. Be with us still as we make the Master's prayer our own:
THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN 195 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 103:1-1

ANTHEM Send Out Thy Spirit Arr. J. Holle

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH (in unison

SERVICE OF PRAYER
Pastoral Prayer for the People
CHILDREN'S SERMON
* Hymn 223 "O For a Thousand Tongues To Sing"
THE OFFERING
Offertory Allegretto in F Major Walthe
* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication
NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 1:3-1

SERMON Spotlight To Floodlight

HYMN 202 "Jesus Shall Reign" (St. 1-3)

BENEDICTION
Choral Response God Be With You

*Indicates when the congregation stands.

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Attending the Guest Register as Host and Hostess are Walter and Mary Louise Boyd. Greeters of the day are A. L. Hook and Ralph Oxford.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Dr. and Mrs. Robert Blake in memory of his father, Mr. J. C. Blake.

TODAY: 5:00 Confirmation Class
7:30 Senior Hi Youth
7:30 Board of Deacons

PLEDGES are still being received for the organ fund project. Fifty-two families have responded with pledges already. Cards and information are available in the narthex.

THE CONGREGATION UNITES in an expression of Christian Sympathy to Dr. and Mrs. Robert Baxter upon the death of her father, Fred H. Williamson of Burlington, on May 2.

CONGRATULATIONS to David Hughes and Linda Sewall whose Service of Marriage was celebrated yesterday.

HOSPITALIZED: Mrs. Elsia Bryant at Memorial and Joy Hamilton at Duke.

YOU ARE INVITED to attend the College-Community Commencement Service of Worship on Saturday, May 20, at 7:30. Dr. Robert Young of Duke Chapel will be the guest speaker.

THANKS to all who assisted in the Youth car-wash yesterday. The Senior Hi Youth will leave Saturday for a beach retreat, under the supervision of Mr. LoCicero and others.

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE

MAY 7, 1978

ACTS 1:12-14

That could have ended it. Jesus, the crucified, had risen and appeared to this small band of followers. Now, he was gone again, off into a cloud. But that did *not* end it. Some faithful women, Jesus' family, and eleven apostles stayed together, constant in prayer. Here was a church in miniature before the church sprang forth with five thousand converts on the day of Pentecost. This obscure company soon would be transformed into a household of power, formed to proclaim the historical Jesus who had become the universal Christ. The key to their transformation was persistent unity in prayer.

THE 615TH CHILD

On a quiet tree-shaded street in Bismarck, North Dakota, lives a family of eight high-school aged children who have come there from miles away. It is the Good Bird Home for Indian boys and girls, a facility for pre-delinquent youngsters which together with the Hall Home for junior-high youngsters makes up the Charles Hall Youth Services organization, supported in part by our United Church of Christ Council for American Indian Ministry.

Houseparents at Good Bird Home and at Hall Home create a warm, home-like setting. Tutors, a program director, and a field worker are also on hand. Most of the boys and girls are able to attend school in the neighborhood and each "family" decides together on regular outings—camping, fishing, skating, or swimming.

The Good Bird Home and Hall Home have already served 614 children since their founding. Yet, only sixteen youngsters can be accommodated at a time. And for each sixteen cared for, dozens are turned away. Charles Hall Youth Services hopes to expand its facilities for the many Indian boys and girls who are now turned away and for whom time is running out. Their concern now is for the 615th child . . . and the 616th, 617th, 618 . . . !

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all were filled with the Holy Spirit

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
United Church of Christ
Elon College, North Carolina

Thomas R. Hamilton, D. Min., Pastor Phone: 584-039
Mrs. David Bragg, Director of Music
Beth Barbee and Allen Young, Acolytes

May 14, 1978 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Priere Jonge

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choral Introit Lo, God is Here
PRAYER OF INVOCATION (in unison)
God of the universe, near to all who call upon you in spirit and in truth, inspire and strengthen us in this fellowship that with Christians the world over we may recognize your power and praise your name. Amen.
*HYMN 232 "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 65:17-2

ANTHEM Love Divine, All Loves Excelling Hyfrydo

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH (in unison

SERVICE OF PRAYER
Pastoral Prayer for the People
THE OFFERING
Offertory Morning Hymn Peeter
* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication
NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 2:1-1

SERMON What is the Wind? Part

HYMN 242 "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"

SERMON Hushed in the Awe Part

YMN 346 "Come, Let Us Join. . ."

ENEDICTION
Choral Response Glory to God in the Highest

*Indicates when the congregation stands.

CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Attending the Guest Register as Host and Hostess are Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Snyder. Greeter of the day is Mrs. Adelia Truitt.

HE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Gilliam, Sr. by the Family.

ODAY: 5:00 Confirmation Class
7:30 Board of Trustees

LEDGES are still being received for the organ fund project. Fifty-two families have responded with pledges already. Cards and information are available in the narthex.

HE SENIOR HI YOUTH are holding a retreat at the beach this weekend. They will return about eight o'clock this evening.

COLLEGE-COMMUNITY Service of Worship in honor of Elon College seniors and their families will be held here Saturday evening at 7:30. Dr. Robert Young of Duke Chapel will be the Guest Speaker. You are invited.

EXT SUNDAY is Commencement Day at Elon College. Though some of our members will be attending, we will hold Church School and Church Worship at the usual times. Dr. Clyde Fields will be our Guest Minister.

THER: Articles for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning...Mrs. Elsia Bryant is a patient at Memorial Hospital, Chapel Hill, and Joy Hamilton at Duke Hospital, Durham.

PENTECOST

MAY 14, 1978

ACTS 2:1-13

Someone who cares about the human spirit and the vigor of the church today may hear the Pentecost story wistfully. Where has the excitement gone? Two things can be said. Luke wrote about Pentecost at least a generation after the church's birth. He may have focused the excitement of many years in the account of that one event, the way a magnifying glass focuses much light on one spot. The other is that living inside an experience can diffuse the sense of its import. The power of the Spirit is still with the church and breaks out in ways as exciting as the noise and hubbub of Pentecost.

ON PENTECOST

Several weeks after Jesus' resurrection, the believers were gathered together in one place and were all filled with the Holy Spirit (Acts 2). God's Spirit brought power to those early Christians—power to tell the good news about Jesus so that strangers understood it, power to heal sick people, power to speak God's message with boldness in the face of persecution, power to share their belongings with one another.

Nineteen centuries later, God's Spirit still fills Christians with power to do the church's work—to believe and communicate the gospel, to help heal the sick, to stand with persons in times of crisis, to work for justice with the oppressed, to seek new opportunities for the disadvantaged.

While most of this work is accomplished directly by individual members and by congregations, many significant ministries are done through Basic Support of Our Christian World Mission, the budgeted work of the conferences and the national agencies of the United Church of Christ.

Today God's Spirit can fill us with power to live faithfully and to give generously to support Our Christian World Mission.

Rev. Milton E. Gockley
Secretary for Promotion
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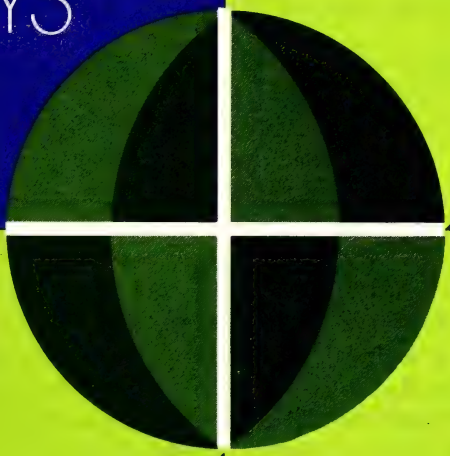

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Jeff Price and Greg Price, Acolytes

May 21, 1978 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Prelude in Praeludium Youn

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choral Introit All Praise to Thee, My God
PRAYER OF INVOCATION (in unison)
God of vision and market-place, be with us today as we come to worship so that we will have the power of your Spirit when we return to our work. May all our days be made holy by your presence with us. In Jesus' name, Amen.
*HYMN 251 "Holy, Holy, Holy!"

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 61:1-3,8-1

ANTHEM All Beautiful the March of Days Forest Gree

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH (in unison)

SERVICE OF PRAYER
Pastoral Prayer for the People
THE OFFERING
Offertory Arietta Dello Joi
* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication
*HYMN 344 "Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us"

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 4:16-22

SERMON We Have This Ministry Dr. Fields

MN 202 "Jesus Shall Reign"

NEDICTION
Choral Response God Be With You

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HE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Dr. and Mrs. Clyde Fields.

ODAY: 6:30 Christian Education Committee
7:00 Community Service Committee
7:30 Senior Hi Youth

E ARE PLEASED to welcome to our pulpit today Dr. Clyde Fields, Associate Conference Minister for the Eastern North Carolina Association and a member of this congregation. Our Pastor is participating today in the Baccalaureate Services at Catawba College.

LEDGES are still being received for the organ fund project. Sixty families have responded with pledges already. Cards and information are available in the narthex.

UB SCOUT PACK 51 meets Thursday evening in the Parish House.

HE SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION will be held next Sunday morning. Other adults who wish to be received as members are asked to notify the Pastor or a Deacon by tomorrow.

OSPITALIZED: Elsia Bryant at Memorial, Chapel Hill, and Joy Hamilton at Duke, Durham.

CONGRATULATIONS to the seniors of Elon College whose Commencement is held during this hour at Alumni Memorial Gymnasium.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

MAY 21, 1978

MATTHEW 28:16-20

Is Jesus among us in our remembering him? Is his spirit with us as is the spirit of Socrates or of Lincoln? Is he present by the impact of his teaching? Surely, Jesus is with us in all these ways. But is he present in more than memory, genius, and influence? Jesus is the unseen host at every Table where bread is eaten and wine drunk in his name. He is the child we train in godliness and nourish with love. Jesus is any sick human we help to health, any impoverished human with whom we share livelihood, any estranged person whom we help to be reconciled with self, neighbor, and God.

THOUGHTS ON THE TRIUNE GOD

The Triune God: Creator, Redeemer, Spirit! To me, these are the ways which best describe the richness of the Divine Being. Lest anyone feel more comfortable with the traditional Trinitarian formula, I note that its inclusion in Matthew 28:19 indicates that by the end of the 1st century, the references to "Father, Son, and Holy Spirit" replaced the older original baptismal formula which was "in the name of the Lord Jesus." Yet it was not until the 14th century that a Trinity Sunday was commonly observed throughout the church. Why?

Was it perhaps because it is so difficult to limit to three the ways in which our God acts? Someone once noted that it is easier to say what God is *not* than to say what God *is*! Yet these three words—Creator, Redeemer, Spirit—the Trinity redefined—do indeed help us to understand a God who is at once the creator of the world and all that is: the redeemer, in Jesus the Christ, of all humanity; and the spirit indwelling each person and drawing together the whole of the created order.

The Trinity: an outdated, meaningless formula? Not for me. Not ever!

Charles W. Cooper, Jr.
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A College - Community

Service of Worship

May 20, 1978

7:30 P. M.

Elon College Community Church

Elon College, North Carolina

THE PRELUDE: Adagio Concerto in a minor ..... Johann Sebastian Ba

THE CHORAL INTROIT

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

"God of Our Fathers Whose Almighty Hand" ..... George W. Warr

God of our fathers, whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
Our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past;
In this free land by thee our lot is cast;
Be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay,
Thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence.
Be thy strong arm our ever sure defense;
Thy true religion in our hearts increase;
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh thy people on their toilsome way;
Lead us from night to never ending day;
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
And glory, laud, and praise be ever thine. Amen.

* THE CALL TO WORSHIP ..... Steve W. Cadde

* THE INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE RESPONSIVE READING

Leader: It is a special moment to which we have come. It is as if ever moment were leading to the experience of this moment.

People: It is a happy moment, in the presence of God, directing us into ever enriching and ever-enlarging moments of meaning.

Leader: Behind us lie mistakes and failures;

People: May they be stepping-stones for our maturity.

Leader: Behind us are some successes;

People: May they give us confidence and courage.

Leader: Before us lies an unknown day;

People: May God's grace and guidance support us.
We ask wisdom to distinguish right from wrong;
We ask for freedom and equality;
We ask for the betterment of humankind;
We ask for courage and faith.

Leader: What we ask for ourselves may we ask for all.

People: May talents be developed fully and knowledge used completely.
May impossible tasks be undertaken and completed.
May humankind be served gladly.
May the highest ambitions be realized.

Leader: May the love of God be known by us.

People: May He love us, and hold us, and keep us.

Unison: So may it be for each and for all.

THE SCRIPTURE READING: Genesis 12:1-8, Hebrews 11:8-12

THE ANTHEM: Praise ..... Alec Rowley

THE PASTORAL PRAYER ..... Thomas R. Hamilton

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE MINISTER ..... J. Fred Young

THE DUET: Blow Ye The Trumpet ..... Henry Purcell
Terrell Cofield, soprano James Cobb, tenor

THE SERMON:
"Going Out Not Knowing" ..... Robert T. Young

* THE RECESSIONAL HYMN:
"God The Omnipotent" ..... Alexis F. Lvov

God the Omnipotent! King, who ordainest
Thunder thy clarion, the lightning thy sword,
Show forth thy pity on high where thou reignest:
Give to us peace in our time, O Lord.

God the All merciful! earth hath forsaken
Thy ways all holy, and slighted thy word;
Bid not thy wrath in its terrors awaken:
Give to us peace in our time, O Lord.

God the all righteous One! man hath defied thee;
Yet to eternity standeth thy word;
Falsehood and wrong shall not tarry beside thee;
Give to us peace in our time, O Lord.

God the All provident! earth by thy chastening
Yet shall to freedom and truth be restored:
Through the thick darkness thy kingdom is hastening:
Thou wilt give peace in thy time, O Lord. Amen

* THE BENEDICTION ..... Thomas R. Hamilton

THE POSTLUDE: Passacaglia in g minor ..... Gordon Young

* Congregation standing

Tht altar flowers are given to the Glory of God in honor of the graduates and their families by Dr. and Mrs. Clyde Fields.

The choir for the Commencement Worship Service is composed of members of the Elon College campus community and the Elon College Community Church.

Deacons of the Elon College Community Church are serving as ushers for this evening's service.

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

Rev. Robert T. Young ..... Minister to the University
Duke University, Durham, North Carolina

Dr. J. Fred Young ..... President, Elon College

Dr. Thomas R. Hamilton ..... Pastor,
Elon College Community Church

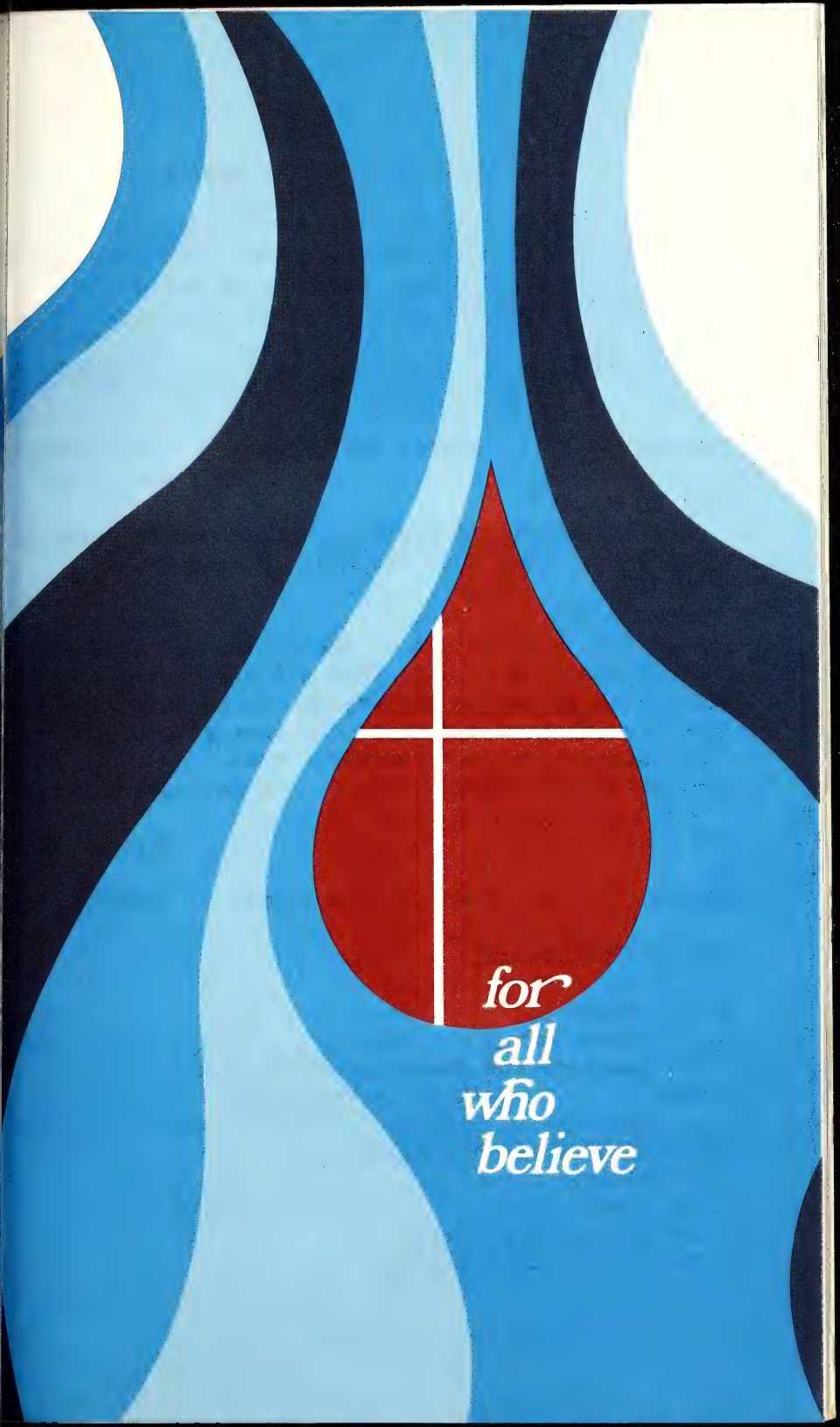
Dr. Steve W. Caddell ..... Chaplain,
Elon College

Dr. James Cobb ..... Visiting Lecturer in Music,
Elon College

Mrs. Mary Alice Bragg ..... Organist,
Elon College Community Church

Mrs. Terrell Cofield ..... Assistant Professor of Music,
Elon College

Commencement Exercises will be held on May 21 at 10:30 a. m. in the Alumni Memorial Gymnasium on the campus of Elon College.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Mark Ellis and Chris Vickers, Acolytes

May 28, 1978 11:00 A.

PRELUDE Adagio for Organ Corel

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choral Introit If Thou But Suffer God to Guide The
*HYMN 1 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

*UNISON PRAYER
Lord God, keep before us the excitement of the truth found in Christ, that all our days may be spent in preparing the way of the Lord for the coming of his kingdom and for that life which is both present and eternal. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Deuteronomy 11:18-
* Gloria Patri
THE GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 7:21-

ANTHEM Send Out Thy Spirit Arr. J. Holl

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE OFFERING
Offertory Choral Junge
* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication
SERMON Walking in the Light

THE SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION
Invitation
The Vows
* The Statement of Faith
The Sacrament of Baptism

Laying on of Hands
Reception of other New Members
Congregation: Beloved, we greet you with joy. We pledge to you our friendship in the Lord, and will give you our support in prayer and service that you may continue to grow in the knowledge and love of God and be witnesses of Jesus Christ our risen Lord.
HYMN 371 "He Who Would Valiant Be"

BENEDICTION
Choral Response Glory to God in the Highest

*Indicates when the congregation stands.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. K. S. Clem in memory of their parents and Mrs. Ruth Almon, W. L. McConkey, and Charles L. Weaver.

NEW MEMBERS are received today by Confirmation: Bert Barbee, Beth Barbee, Dave Byers, Stacy Dean, Mo Dill, Dan Hamilton, Andre Wilkins, and Alan Young; by Profession of Faith: Scott Dill, by Letter of Transfer: Sara Dodson and Sam Foster.

TODAY: 7:30 Board of Trustees
7:30 Senior Hi Youth

NEXT SUNDAY, we will recognize the young people who will be graduated from area high schools.

SEVERAL TEACHERS and helpers are still needed for Vacation Bible School on June 19-23. Please see Charles Easton or the Pastor.

PLEDGES are being received for the Organ Fund. We are thrilled that approximately seventy families have made affirmative responses.

OTHER: The Annual Magnolia Memorial Service will be held next Sunday afternoon...Articles for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning...Joy Hamilton is a patient at Duke Hospital...

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

MAY 28, 1978

ROMANS 3:21-28

Our culture puts achieving first and believing second. Let someone *achieve* something and we will *believe* in that someone. The gospel reverses that: first belief, then achievement. You do not achieve worth or virtue. However rich, powerful, bright, admired, or moral you may be, like everyone else, you come short of the splendor God intends. No achievement compensates for that shortfall. You can't play catch-up with God. And you don't need to. Because, in Jesus, God freely offers you a victory and a worth you could never win. It is there, within your grasp, waiting for "all who believe."

AGRICULTURAL MISSIONS

More than 70% of the earth's two-billion poor and powerless people live in rural areas. If present goals to increase world food supply are to be achieved, much will depend on the growing productivity of small farms. Through the multi-denominational program of Agricultural Missions on every continent, church resources are supporting rural people in their own efforts for self-help and justice—in projects such as the Asian Rural Institute in Japan, Action for Food Production in India, and the distribution of farm supplies in Chad.

Since 1972, the Rural Network Program of Agricultural Missions has focused church assistance on specific development purposes, as identified by trained leaders in the Third World who are close to the self-help objectives of small farmers in their own areas. Communication links are established between farm cooperatives and rural church groups. New leaders are trained and ideas are exchanged.

Through increased contact with rural activists in developing countries and in dealing with hunger as a crucial problem, workers in Agricultural Missions are partners with the poor in changing things that limit their lives. Our denomination is among those which support this ministry with mission funds and especially through the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering.

This message was prepared for joint use by the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., the Presbyterian Church, U.S., the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and the United Church of Christ.

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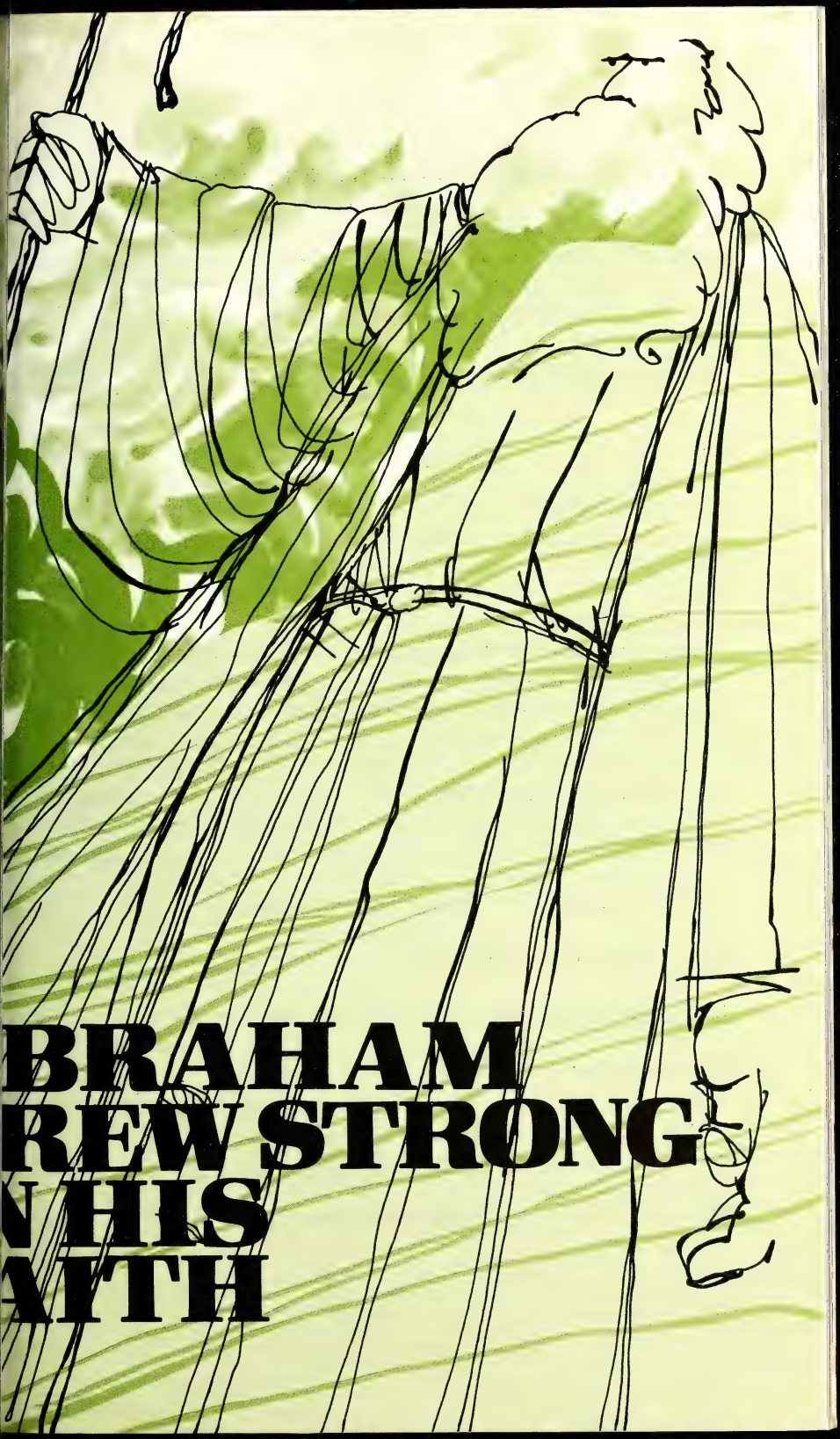
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June 4, 1978 11:00 A.

PRELUDE Adagio for Organ Albino

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choral Introit The Summer Days Are Come Again
*HYMN 97 "God of Our Life"

*UNISON PRAYER
Now we come to this place of worship, our Father, reminding ourselves of your strength and mercy, pledging ourselves to your service, and bringing as sacrifice our songs, our gifts, and our selves. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Hosea 6:1-
* Gloria Patri
THE GOSPEL LESSON Romans 4:13-2

ANTHEM DUET Sound the Trumpet Purcel

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

RECOGNITION OF HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

THE OFFERING
Offertory Solo Oh, What A Beautiful City Boatne
* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication
SERMON All in the Providence of God

SOLO At the River Coplan

TMN 405 "This is my Father's World"

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*Indicates when the congregation stands.

CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Greeters of the day are Dr. J. E. Danieley and Howard Loy.

HE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Dr. and Mrs. N. F. Brannock and Mrs. Mary B. Rouse by Misses Edith and Madge Brannock.

E ARE PLEASED to have Ellen B. Williams and James Rochelle leading in our ministry of music today. Mr. Rochelle has sung professionally in Raleigh. Mrs. Williams is a daughter of this congregation. She and Doug will leave soon for London where she will study voice and he will be employed by Steinway Piano Company.

UR GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS are recognized today. They are: Del Atkinson, Jeanette Carnell, Esther Gminder, Nathan Gminder, Trudy Goude, Keith Lyon, Matt Maggio, and Faye McLelland.

ODAY: 12:00 Adult Choir dinner and rehearsal.
4:00 Annual Memorial Service of the Magnolia Memorial Association.
7:30 Board of Deacons
7:30 Senior Hi Youth

HOSE WHO CAN ASSIST with the Daily Vacation Bible School, June 19-23, are asked to contact Charles Easton or the Pastor. Registrations should be returned this week.

THER: Camp Registrations are available in the downstairs hallway...Joy Hamilton is a patient at Duke Hospital...Pledges are still needed for the Organ Fund...The Mother-Daughter Banquet will be held on June 12.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 4, 1978

ROMANS 4:13-25

Israel's prime minister once invited Judaic, Christian, and Muslim leaders to Jerusalem, offering hospitality "in the spirit of our common ancestor, Abraham." Think of it: Abraham, the spiritual father of a billion-and-a-half souls. What a progenitor! Old, childless, he and Sarah laughed when God promised that they would beget "many nations." Imagine: Sarah, one foot in the grave, the other in a maternity ward! But the two got older, their faith grew strong, and God sent an heir. God is like that. A soul may be as good as dead. But God answers its persisting faith with a new life of righteousness, hope, and peace.

KOREAN YOUTH SUMMER CONFERENCE

Seventy-six Korean junior-high and senior-high students and sixteen counselors enjoyed the second Korean Youth Conference last summer in Newton, Iowa.

The conference provided Korean youth in the midwest an opportunity to share their experiences in a new land, searching for their identity and life-style as Korean-Americans.

The daily schedule included speeches on the theme "New Life in Christ," Bible study, and small group discussion, as well as singing, dancing, and recreational activities.

The Korean Youth Conference came to full realization in 1976 when financial assistance was extended by the Korean Christian Social Center in Chicago, which is ecumenically funded and supported.

There are about 200,000 Koreans in this land, most being recent immigrants. Their number is growing and the church should expand its ministry to them. The Korean Youth Conference is just a beginning of the church's ministry to the Korean-Americans.

Mr. Jeen Shoung Park, Director
1976 Korean Youth Summer Conference

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Bert Barbee and Mark Ellis, Acolytes

June 11, 1978 11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE Chanson de Mai Jongen

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choral Introit All Praise to Thee

UNISON PRAYER
God, our Father, let your Holy Spirit be among us now. Give us guidance and strength to worship worthily. In our worship and service, may the name of Jesus be lifted in praise. In his name, we pray as he taught his disciples: Our Father...

*HYMN 64 "All Creatures of Our God and King"

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 19:2-6
* The Statement of Faith
NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Romans 5:6-11

ANTHEM Begin My Tongue Some Heavenly Theme Young

THE SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory God Is Thy Refuge Bach
* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication
SERMON Now That We Are God's Friends

*HYMN 365 "Faith of Our Fathers"

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ENEDICTION
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HE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of G. C. Crutchfield, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Currie Wagoner by the family of Mrs. Birdie Crutchfield.

ODAY: 7:30 Women's Fellowship Executive Board.

CAMP SHOW will be held this afternoon at two o'clock at First Christian Church. Youth entering grade 4 or older and their parents are especially encouraged to share in this introduction to camp life at Moonelon, Johns River, and Franklinton. Camp registration forms are available on the downstairs literature table.

HE MOTHER-DAUGHTER BANQUET is tomorrow evening at 6:30 in the Parish House. The dinner is covered-dish and the program will feature slides and pictures of well-known local women.

NCLOSED with your bulletin is a VBS registration form. Vacation Bible School will be held next week, June 19-23, in the mornings. All registrations are needed today. If you can assist as a teacher or helper, please sign on the reverse side.

THER: The Thrift Shop will be open on Saturday morning at 10:30...Articles for The Torch are due tomorrow morning. Among the articles will be one which updates information on the Organ Fund. Pledges are still being received...A Father-Son softball game is scheduled for next Sunday evening at six o'clock... Please return the requested information for the Birthday Calendar.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 11, 1978

ROMANS 5:6-11

You understand better what Paul writes in *Romans* if you recall his dramatic turn-around. Paul was schooled to believe that the way to win God's favor was to obey the Law. That belief put him at enmity with Jesus' followers. Then, apart from his own achievement, Paul was overtaken by an experience that set his belief and life on a new path. Christ was the key to Paul's new apostleship, friendship with God, liberation from sin, and certainty of rescue from death. Delivered from anxiety, hostility, and doom, and set on the road to salvation, Paul could write in joy and at firsthand of being "saved by Christ."

A HEALING TOUCH IN KARENE

The village of Karene in Sierra Leone, West Africa, is served by a mobile medical clinic. The Rural Health Service team which operates the clinic includes two English missionary nurses and three Sierra Leoneans, a nursing aide, an evangelist-driver, and a young nursing teacher who may eventually replace one of the missionaries. The United Church Board for World Ministries relates to this team through Guy Alling, a UCBWM missionary, who directs the ecumenical Christian Health Association (CHA) of Sierra Leone.

Recently, Alling visited Karene with the team on one of its biweekly visits. Conversation with the village chief and elders revealed a need for a village well. Alling arranged for a grant from Catholic Relief Services to employ a well-digger and the villagers themselves provided needed stone and gravel. Water was struck at fifteen feet. Now the women of Karene no longer must depend on uncertain rain to fill a nearby swamp; they have clean, dependable water from the new well.

CHA also began "mothercraft" training for village midwives and initiated sanitation procedures and a local medical supply. The aim: long-term improvement of health with minimal expense and limited outside support. The motive: "in Christian love . . . to make it possible for all people to lead happy, healthy lives."

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SING A SONG TO THE LORD

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ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
United Church of Christ
Elon College, North Carolina
Thomas R. Hamilton, D. Min., Pastor Phone: 584-039
Mrs. McSherry Lackey, Guest Organist
Beth Barbee and Greg Price, Acolytes

June 18, 1978 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Cantilena Rhinebergei

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choral Introit Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
UNISON PRAYER
God, our Father, we would know you better that we might love you more. Make us hungry for your spirit and your power. Let your will be known to us and done through us. Amen.
*HYMN 66 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 121
* The Statement of Faith
NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Matthew 5:1-16

HYMN 397 "Lord, Speak to Me"

THE SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
The Lord's Prayer
THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory Solo I Love to dwell in Spirit Michael
(Lynne Fogleman, Soprano)
* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication
SERMON More Than We Are

*HYMN 60 "Savior, Again to thy dear Name"

ENEDICTION
Congregational Response God be with You

*Indicates when the congregation stands.

CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Attending the Guest Register as host and hostess are Bob and Carol Blake. Greeters of the Day are Howard Edgerton and Mack Lackey.

IE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Dr. and Mrs. S.W. Caddell by the Family.

DAY: 6:00 A Father-Son softball game will be held at College Field. They hope the ladies will come as well to cheer on their favorite athletes.

IE FUN CLUB meets Tuesday morning at ten in the church library. The program will be presented by the Elon Home for Children. Refreshments will be served.

ACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be held every morning this week from 9:30 until 12:00 for children between Kindergarten and Grade 6. Additional registration forms are available in the narthex.

EGISTRATION FORMS for the various summer church camps may be found on the downstairs literature table.

IE SACRAMENT of Holy Communion will be celebrated next Sunday.

OSPITALIZED: Adelia Truitt at County.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 18, 1978

JEREMIAH 20:10-13

A woman told her pastor, "I always thought of faith in God as meaning that everything would turn out all right, as I conceived of all right. Now I know that God cares for me even when things don't turn out all right." So also for Jeremiah. He felt God "seduced" him into telling people unpalatable truth. Enemies threw him in jail. Friends watched for his fall. But Jeremiah couldn't shake off God: God's word burned in the prophet's bones: *good* news as well as bad. God put confidence in his heart and music on his lips. That's God for you. God delivers "the life of the needy" from every threat. So sing! Sing to the Lord!

"CHRIST LIVES" IN SOUTH AMERICA

"Cristo Vive"—Christ Lives—is a Spanish-language radio program begun in West Germany fifteen years ago. In 1975, in consultation with the ecumenical World Association of Christian Communicators (WACC), Evangelisches Missionwerk moved the production of "Cristo Vive" to Argentina, where it is now based at the Association Interconfesional de Estudios Teologicos of Buenos Aires, an ecumenical seminary supported by eight denominations.

The WACC helped producers develop a format of music, drama, discussions, and songs which would enable the popular five-minute program to proclaim the Gospel without using traditional religious words. Sometimes implicitly, sometimes explicitly, the program relates the Bible to questions of faith and life, to sickness, ecology, evil, doubt, futurology, death, and family problems. Cristo Vive programs are used in secondary schools as discussion starters and are recommended by congregations for shut-ins. Cristo Vive is now broadcast over two commercial radio stations in Argentina, one in Uruguay and one in Chile. It is hoped that in the future, the program can be translated into Portuguese for broadcast in Brazil. With your help, Christ Lives in South America.

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ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
United Church of Christ
Elon College, North Carolina

Thomas R. Hamilton, D. Min., Pastor Phone: 584-03
Mrs. David Bragg, Director of Music
Jeff Price and Alan Young, Acolytes

June 25, 1978 11:00 a.

PRELUDE Aria for Organ Della Jo

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choral Introit Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
UNISON PRAYER
May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, for you are our strength and our redeemer. Amen.
*HYMN 8 "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 115:1-

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 21:5-

ANTHEM Jesu, Word of God Incarnate Moza

THE SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Lord's Prayer (in unison
THE DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory Bread of the World Bunj
* Congregational Response--We Give Thee But Thine Own
* Prayer of Dedication
MEDITATION Now and Whenever

*HYMN 287 "Here, O My Lord"

THE SERVICE OF COMMUNION
The Invitation of Christ
Communion Collect
General Confession (all uniting) Hymnal, P. 49

Assurance of Pardon
Words of Institution
Distribution of the Elements
Thanksgiving
ENEDICTION
Choral Response Glory To God in the Highest

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HE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Dr. and Mrs. J. Earl Danieley in memory of their fathers, Mr. Burton Daniels and Mr. Henry Danieley.

HE HOLY COMMUNION is served today to all confirmed members of Christ's Church. We celebrate "open communion" inviting all professing Christians to join us in this Sacrament of Faith.

ODAY: 12:00 Board of Deacons
3:00 A reception will be held in the Parish House honoring Rev. W. T. Cockman who will begin a new pastorate in Charlotte in July.

EGISTRATION FORMS for the various summer church camps may be found on the downstairs literature table.

EXT SUNDAY, the kindergarten through high school church school classes will meet together for a slide presentation by Dr. and Mrs. Sloan.

THER: Adelia Truitt is a patient at County Hospital... Articles for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning... Devotional Guides for July-August are available in the narthex...Thanks to all who assisted with the Vacation Blble School last week...The Elon Recreation Program continues every morning this week at the Elon Middle School...Congratulations to Hal and Robina Russell who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary yesterday.

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 25, 1978

ROMANS 6:1-11

The title of a popular novel, "Once Is Not Enough," calls to mind experiences that demand repetition. A single lesson in Spanish or golf is rarely sufficient. A solitary word of affection is scarcely enough. In contrast, Paul shows how Jesus' death dealt sin one final blow. Jesus, says Paul, "died to sin, once for all." Once was enough. There is a finality and adequacy there. I am to identify with Jesus who, having died, is beyond the dominion of sin. As I identify with Jesus in his death, that *once for all* accrues to me and I move beyond sin's domain. I am raised with Jesus into new life in the reign of God.

PREVENTING VIOLENCE IN SEATTLE

The Rev. Marie M. Fortune was installed last fall as director of the Prevention of Sexual Violence Project in Seattle, Washington. Sexual violence has become a major social problem in our time (the category includes rape, incest, molestation of children, and battering of women). Contrary to popular belief, church members are victims of sexual violence as often as the rest of the population.

The Prevention of Sexual Violence Project is an educational program for the religious community of Seattle and surrounding King County. It is designed to provide factual information to people in local congregations about sexual violence and how to prevent it, to train ministers (ordained and lay) to counsel victims, their families, and their friends, and to address the particular concerns which church people may have about sexual violence. The project has received funding from the United Presbyterian Church, United Ministries (the joint program agency of the Church of the Brethren, the Christian Church, and the United Church of Christ in Washington), the U.C.C. Commission on Racial Justice, and several local congregations. The project is an affiliated program of the Pastoral Institute of Washington-Idaho and is co-sponsored by the Church Council of Greater Seattle.

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Mrs. David Bragg, Organist

July 2, 1978 11:00 a

PRELUDE God is our Refuge and Strength B

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choral Introit Our God, Our Help in Ages Past
UNISON PRAYER
God, our Father, be present with us now as you have been present for centuries with our ancestors. Let our gratitude be as spontaneous as your giving has always been and our promises as trustworthy as your promises proved to be. Amen.
*HYMN 433 "God of Our Fathers"

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Zechariah 9:9-13,
* The Statement of Faith
NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Galatians 5:1, 13-

ANTHEM My Song Forever Shall Record Praetori

THE SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
The Lord's Prayer
THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory Arietta in G Major Fran
* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication
SERMON Freedom Beyond the Law

*HYMN 437 "My Country, 'Tis of Thee"

ENEDICTION

Choral Response Glory to God in the Highest

*Indicates when the congregation stands.

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HE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. D. Marsh McLelland in memory of their friend, Helen Ann Warren.

ODAY: 6:00 Church Family Softball
7:30 Board of Deacons

ULY 4 is to be celebrated here with an ice cream supper and the original Community Church Band. Everyone can play some instrument, home-made or otherwise. If you can bring a freezer of ice cream, please sign on the downstairs bulletin board. We will be gathering in the oak arbor at 6:30 P.M.

TTENDING CAMP this week are Maria Parker at Moonelon and Dan Hamilton at Johns River.

HE PASTOR will begin a vacation period on Wednesday, July 5. As usual, he may be contacted in any emergency or need by calling the church office or the parsonage.

E ARE PLEASED to have as our Guest Minister next Sunday Dr. W. W. Snyder, Executive Director of the Elon Home for Children and a member of this congregation.

OSPITALIZED: Adelia Truitt at County.

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 2, 1978

ZECHARIAH 9:9-13

Will these weapons of peace outmatch today's awesome weapons of war?

- International agencies that arbitrate conflict, promote justice, and nurture amity among nations? (Is any people really secure, apart from the well-being of other peoples, including those that are poor?)
- The sense of human familyhood and interdependence that lasts and grows today, in spite of old divisions and persistent hatred?
- The Christian commitment to making peace in the name of the Prince of Peace, even if peacemaking creates conflict and brings persecution?
- The enduring purpose of God, who commands "peace among the nations?"

"MY SOUL IS RESTED"

Freedom is the foundation of American life. It is also central to the message of the Gospel. When we celebrate our heritage as a nation, there is a danger that we take freedom for granted. The experience of some of our brothers and sisters has been that they have had to struggle to claim the liberation that God intends for all people.

An elderly black woman, affectionately called Mother Pollard, took part in the effort to remove segregation from the public buses in Montgomery, Alabama. Whenever those in the movement were ready to give up or to give in, she would encourage them with a response such as this: "We are with you all the way but even if we aren't, God is."

Mother Pollard refused to ride segregated buses, so she walked back and forth to work. One day someone asked her if she was tired. She responded, "My feet are tired, but my soul is rested." She understood what Jesus meant when he said, "Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest."

Let us remember and give thanks for those who struggle to keep before us the bonds of freedom with which we have been entrusted.

Rev. Joseph S. Harvard
North Decatur Presbyterian Church
Decatur, Georgia

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Mrs. David Bragg, Director of Music

July 9, 1978 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Allegro for Organ Corell

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choral Introit Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent
UNISON PRAYER
Gather us, our Father, as a fellowship of your faithful people. Remind us that we are your church, chosen to be servants to all the world. Pardon us our failures and give us the will and power to minister in the name of our Lord and Savior. Amen.
*HYMN 260 "The Church's One Foundation"

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 55:10-1
* The Statement of Faith
NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 11:1-1

ANTHEM SOLO Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring J.S. Bac
Peggy Lackey, Soprano
THE SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
The Lord's Prayer
PERIOD OF ANNOUNCEMENTS Mr. Wilkin

THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory Suite in G Major Dello Joi
* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication
SERMON Ministering Beyond Our Walls Dr. Snyde

*HYMN 383 "Forward Through the Ages"

ENEDICTION
Choral Response God be with You

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. William Pendergrass in memory of her mother, Mrs. Robert L. Fleet.

TODAY: 7:30 Senior Hi Youth

WE ARE PLEASED to welcome to our pulpit today Dr. Walstein W. Snyder, Executive Director of the Elon Home for Children and a member of this congregation. Mr. Louis B. Wilkins is serving as liturgist.

NEXT SUNDAY our Guest Minister will be Dr. James H. Lightbourne, Jr., Conference Minister of the Southern Conference (UCC). D. Marsh McLelland will serve as liturgist.

THE PASTOR continues his vacation during this week. He may be reached in any emergency or need by calling the church office or the parsonage.

ATTENDING CAMP this week are Kristen Wilkins and Cris Bragg at Johns River.

THE CONGREGATION unites in an expression of Christian Sympathy to Dr. and Mrs. Robert Blake upon the death of his sister, Mrs. Louise B. Hall of Charlotte on July 4.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS of contributions received during the second quarter are available in the narthex.

ARTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 9, 1978

ISAIAH 55:10-13

On human lips, "My word!" is an empty outcry. Not so, God's word. That word creates. "Let be," says God, and there is. God calls Abraham and Sarah from the steppes of Syria to the plains of Canaan, thus founding a redemptive race. God commands Pharoah to "let my people go!" and gives to Israel a Magna Charta. "My word," says the Lord, "shall accomplish that which I purpose," and bring exiled Hebrews home from Babylon. God's word becomes flesh and, in the risen Christ, lives with us now. That word assures us that God acts with victory and will fulfill human hope according to the timeless and tireless purpose of God.

WHY ARE PEOPLE HUNGRY?

Why are people hungry? Enough grain is produced each year to feed everyone in the world at the North American standard of 3,000 calories per day. Food production is currently keeping pace with population growth. Yet there may be as many as half-a-billion to one billion people in our world severely affected by hunger—as many as forty million in the United States alone.

Why?

The answer seems to lie in a pattern of distribution which provides abundance for some and scarcity for others. The distribution of population, income, and food resources do not match. The chances of being hungry if you are poor are greater than if you are rich. Those who produce food must distribute it to those who can pay for it, whether they need it or not.

In the United Church of Christ, you can help hungry persons by supporting the fifteen-point program of citizen-action recommended by General Synod. You can give to the U.C.C. Hunger Action Fund, which supports such citizen-action on behalf of us all. And, in addition to supporting the basic and special programs of our denomination, you can be alert to instances of hunger nearby and help directly through your local church. What you do should not only provide food but also, where possible, touch the root causes of hunger.

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Andre Wilkins and Alan Young, Acolytes

July 16, 1978 11:00 a.

PRELUDE In Thee Is Gladness J. S. Ba

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choral Introit Fairest Lord Jes
UNISON PRAYER
Lord, make us instruments of your peace;
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy. Amen
*HYMN 3 "God Himself is With Us"

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 5
* The Statement of Faith
NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Luke 6:20-3

ANTHEM God My Shepherd J. S. Bac
(from Cantata No. 208)
THE SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastoral Prayer for the People
The Lord's Prayer
PERIOD OF ANNOUNCEMENTS Judge McLellan

THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory Jesus, My Refuge Dupr
* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

SERMON Up On the Mountain Dr. Lightbourne

HYMN 372 "How Firm A Foundation"

BENEDICTION
Choral Response God be with You

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Willard White in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther White and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hollifield.

WE ARE PLEASED to welcome to our pulpit today Dr. James H. Lightbourne, Jr., Conference Minister of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ. Judge D. Marsh McLelland is serving as liturgist and special music is provided by Mrs. Mary Anne Johnston, soprano, and Miss Kim Johnston, flute.

ATTENDING CAMP this week are Andre and Charles Wilkins at Johns River.

MEALS-ON-WHEELS are delivered this week by our members.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS of contributions received during the second quarter are available in the narthex.

HOSPITALIZED: Mrs. Charles Jeffreys is recuperating following surgery at Sherman Hospital, Elgin, Illinois, 60120.

THE PASTOR continues his vacation during this week. He may be reached in any emergency or need by calling the church office or the parsonage. Our Service of Worship next Sunday will be conducted by Dr. J. Earl Danieley.

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 16, 1978

MATTHEW 13:24-35

If, in righteousness, God should rage through the world and destroy all that is evil, where would the divine judgment stop? Might it not uproot aspects of our own lives we tenaciously cling to? Take, for example, our complacency in the face of the poverty of more than one billion of the world's people. That poverty contributes to the death, before five years of age, of one in every ten children born in Nigeria. Biblical teaching judges such inaction to be sin. Yet, God withholds the divine fire. Is it to offer us a period of grace in which to turn around and to produce a good harvest of justice, mercy, and peace?

BUILDING LEADERS IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC

In Fiji, the Pacific Theological College (PTC) has the unique role of providing graduate-level theological training for most of the pastors who will serve the churches of the Pacific Conference of Churches, an association of churches in Polynesia, Melanesia, and Micronesia. This year, for the first time, a Pacific Islander, Dr. Sione 'Amanaki Havea of Tonga, was named to the post of PTC Principal. Dr. Havea has been principal of the Tonga Theological College, a delegate to the World Council of Churches Assembly, and President of the World Methodist Council.

Two new developments at PTC are of special significance as it begins its second decade: living quarters have been provided for an increased number of women students and a French-speaking faculty member provides needed counseling for students from French-speaking parts of the Pacific.

The United Church Board for World Ministries has supported PTC throughout the past decade. Recently the UCBWM and the Hawaii Conference of the United Church of Christ shared the cost of an initial series of visits by Dr. Havea to the islands of Micronesia—the Marshals, Ponape, and Truk—to confer with church leaders on ways that PTC can better serve the churches in developing leaders for the future.

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July 23, 1978 11:00 a.

PRELUDE Honor and Blessing Bunj

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choral Introit Open Now Thy Gates of Beau
UNISON PRAYER
O Divine Master, grant that we may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to
eternal life. Amen
*HYMN 245 "Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me"

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Ezekiel 18 (Selecte
* The Statement of Faith
NEW TESTAMENT LESSON II Timothy 2:1-

ANTHEM SOLO Agnus Dei from the Mass in G F. Schube
Donna Holmes, Soprano
THE SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastoral Prayer for the People
The Lord's Prayer
PERIOD OF ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory Fugue in a minor J. S. Bac

The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

YMN 227 "Fairest Lord Jesus"

ERMON Don't Say That Again Dr. Danieley

YMN 375 "Lead On, O King Eternal"

ENEDICTION

Choral Response God Be With You

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HE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Mr. Worden J. Updyke, Jr. and Mrs. Edrie Goodway by Al and Penny Hassell and Jane, Jay, and Edrianna Updyke.

ODAY: 6:00 Family Softball at College Field

E ARE PLEASED to welcome to our pulpit today Dr. J. Earl Danieley, Professor of Chemistry at Elon College and a member of this congregation.

HE PASTOR continues his vacation during this week. He may be reached in any emergency or need by calling the church office or the parsonage. Our Service of Worship next Sunday will be led by Mr. Ken Harper and Dr. Robert Delp.

INANCIAL STATEMENTS of contributions received during the second quarter are available in the narthex.

OSPITALIZED: Mrs. Charles Jeffreys at Sherman Hospital, Elgin, Illinois and John Barney at Wesley Long, Greensboro.

HE CONGREGATION UNITES in an expression of Christian Sympathy to Mrs. Gladys Vickers and Family upon the death of her brother, Mr. Henry Clay Simpson, Jr. of Greensboro on July 16.

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 23, 1978

I KINGS 3:5-12

Candidates for public office seek our vote with campaign promises and platform talk: "And, if elected, I will . . ." Perhaps we should inquire, not only about campaign promises and party platforms, but also about a candidate's private prayers. Look at Solomon, for example. When he was taking command of Israel, God appeared in a dream and said, "Ask what I shall give you." Solomon answered, "Give thy servant . . . an understanding mind to govern thy people." Such a prayer, urgent and away from the electorate's gaze, is a platform that promises honest leadership and responsible government: "Thy servant . . . thy people."

PUBLIC PARKS MINISTRY

The question of how the church can provide an authentic ministry to the many persons and families camping in our public parks is the focus of the Public Parks Ministry, a ministry sponsored by the interdenominational church cluster called IMPACT in Edmonds, Washington.

IMPACT provides leadership and support for recruiting and equipping persons from local churches to help campers to enjoy themselves and to get acquainted with others. Each week volunteers are recruited and prepared for a weekend camp experience, including such forms of recreation as singing, games, crafts, and visiting.

The Public Parks Ministry seeks, through non-traditional church approaches, to gain an understanding of the interests, desires, and needs of the camping community and to help persons to discover new appreciation of and positive feelings toward church people and church-sponsored activities.

Rev. James Simpson
Consultant for Leader Development
Synod of Alaska-Northwest
United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

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July 30, 1978 11:00 a

PRELUDE Into Thy House We Come Du

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choral Introit This is the Day the Lord Has Ma
UNISON PRAYER
God, our Father, grant us light that we may know the wisdom you alone can give, that we may see wher error strangles divine insight, that we may learn how dreadful is life without your presence. In your presence now let us rejoice and sing. Amen.
*HYMN 345 "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" (St. 1

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm
* The Statement of Faith
NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Matthew 11:

ANTHEM SOLO Come to the Waters Hand
Martha Matthews, Contralto
THE SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastoral Prayer for the People
The Lord's Prayer

THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory Holy, Holy, Holy Matthe
* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication
*HYMN 357 "Strong Son of God"

SERMON How The Kingdom Comes Dr. De

MN 448 "Thy Kingdom Come, O Lord"

NEDICTION
Choral Response Glory to God in the Highest

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CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Attending the Guest Register as hostesses are Josie and Elna Huey. Greeters of the Day are T. L. Smith and Leroy Hughes.

HE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mrs. Chester C. Huey and family in memory of Mr. Chester C. Huey.

ODAY: 6:00 Family Softball at College Field

E ARE PLEASED to welcome to our pulpit today Dr. Robert W. Delp, Professor of History at Elon College and a United Church of Christ clergyman. Serving as liturgist is Mr. Kenneth Harper. We are also pleased to welcome as our soloist Martha Matthews who is a 1978 graduate of Williams High School and who will be entering UNCG this fall as a scholarship recipient in the School of Music.

INANCIAL STATEMENTS of contributions received during the second quarter are available in the narthex.

OSPITALIZED: Susan Barney and Susan Rose at Memorial.

RTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

IRCLE 5 meets Tuesday evening at 7:30 with Mrs. Lackey.

HE PASTOR and family will return from vacation tomorrow.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 30, 1978

MATTHEW 14:13-21

We do not live by "bread alone." But we cannot live well or long without bread. Malnutrition deforms the brain, wastes the body, and shortens the life of children. It makes youth and adults weak, apathetic, bitter, and sick. No wonder Jesus cares about hungry people and tells his followers to feed them. We Christians now live in a world with more than enough food for every living human, yet where 500 million persons are severely malnourished. To follow Jesus today means work to create a more just and humane system for *distributing* food in the world market—one whose ingenuity matches our capability for *producing* food.

NEW HOPE FOR SMALL CHURCHES

For several years, the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries and a number of U.C.C. Conferences have cooperated in sponsoring the Small-Church Project which was designed to develop area-wide approaches with small churches and intensive training for persons who work in and with small churches. In Pennsylvania, Ohio, Washington, Wyoming, and Colorado, special leadership-training events have been held.

Hundreds of people have given thousands of hours to the project and the results have been significant: churches have gained members and a stronger place in their communities. Cooperatively they have done things together which they had not previously thought possible; they have increased their mission work at home and abroad; the role of laity and clergy has been clarified and both groups have developed new skills and abilities; the churches have gained a new sense of being able to accomplish great things in Christ's name. What began as a two-year experiment has stretched into additional years and the "fall-out" from this project will be enriching our common life for years to come.

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ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
United Church of Christ
Elon College, North Carolina

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Mrs. David Bragg, Director of Music
Alan Young and Andre Wilkins, Acolytes

August 6, 1978 11:00 a

PRELUDE My Heart is filled with Longing J. S. Ba

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choral Introit Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silen
UNISON PRAYER
O God of love, who teaches us that in quietness and confidence you will be our strength: lift us now to your presence where we may be still and know that you are God of all. Amen.
*HYMN 21 "We Gather Together"

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON I Kings 19:9-
* The Statement of Faith
NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Matthew 14:22-

ANTHEM SOLO Grant Us Peace Thim
(Vicki Godwin, Soprano)
THE SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastoral Prayer for the People
The Lord's Prayer
THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory Trio for Organ C. P. E. Ba
* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication
SERMON Convicted of Heresy

*HYMN 14 "The God of Abraham Praise"

BENEDICTION

Choral Response Glory to God in the Highest

*Indicates when the congregation stands.

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Attending the Guest Register as host and hostess are Earl and Ann Vickers. Greeters of the Day are Dr. J. Earl Danieley and Mr. Howard Edgerton.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in honor of Emily R. Alexander and James W. Harrill whose Service of Marriage was celebrated here yesterday.

TODAY: 6:00 Church Family Softball at College Field
7:30 Board of Deacons

CIRCLES 1 through 4 of the Women's Fellowship meet this week as follows:

Circle 1 with Mrs. Braxton
Circle 2 with Mrs. Colclough
Circle 3 with Mrs. Bost
Circle 4 with Mrs. Jackie Matlock

THE ADULT CHOIR will rehearse Wednesday evening at 7:30 in the Updyke Choral Center.

HOSPITALIZED: Mrs. Charles Jeffreys at Sherman Hospital, Elgin, Illinois.

RENOVATIONS in the sanctuary will begin tomorrow morning. During this three-week period, Church School and weekday activities will continue in these facilities. Our Service of Worship will be held at Whitley Auditorium.

NEXT SUNDAY, following Church School, we will gather at 10:30 near the parking lot to process to Whitley Auditorium.

COPIES of daily devotional guides and Youth Magazine are available in the narthex.

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 6, 1978

MATTHEW 14:22-33

Through the howling wind, Peter walked over turbulent water toward One whom Peter could barely see in the murky night. Suddenly, Peter's faith vanished like bits of paper in a gale and he sank in the brine—until the Master of the waves reached out to rescue him. In what storm is your life? A grief that is drowning your hope? The chaos and ruin of divorce? A hurt that has cut you off from one you love? A lonely and isolated old age? The dread of dying? Jesus is in that storm with you. Look for him in the dark night of the soul. Listen for the voice that says, "Take heart, it is I." Reach out for an outstretched, rescuing hand.

POPULATION PLANNING IN BANGLADESH

George and Gladys Sturgen have been missionaries of the United Church Board for World Ministries in Dacca, Bangladesh, where George worked for Population Services International (PSI). The Bangladesh Government has designated Family Planning as a top priority. In an area only as large as Wisconsin but having a population of 81 million people, and the prospect of doubling this population in 13 years, control of the population through family planning is crucial! PSI has a central administrative staff of eleven and a total "marketing" staff of thirty-five persons who operate out of four regional centers.

In the past two years, the Sturgens report, the rate of population increase in Bangladesh has gone down. Unemployment has decreased; wages have increased; supplies have improved and prices have come down. PSI uses mass-media advertising—radio, television, cinema, newspaper, and magazine—as well as direct contact by field educators and sales demonstrators to reach the people of Bangladesh.

Working at population control through family planning is one important way in which countries can begin to improve life for their inhabitants. The church—not only in Bangladesh, but around the world—sees family planning as part of a multifaceted program of action in upgrading human life and making it more humane and meaningful.

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O Woman GREAT is YOUR FAITH!

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United Church of Christ
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Mrs. David Bragg, Director of Music
Alan Young and Dan Hamilton, Acolytes

August 13, 1978 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Allegro for Organ Corell

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choral Introit If Thou But Suffer God To Guide The
UNISON PRAYER
We are thankful, our Father, that you have led us to this place of prayer and worship. In the holines of this hour we would hear your word of truth and respond in renewed discipleship. So may our days be marked by growth in grace. Amen.
*HYMN 15 "Praise To The Lord, The Almighty"

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 56:1-3,6-

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Mark 9:2-

ANTHEM Come, Jesus, Holy Son of God Hande

THE SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastoral Prayer for the People
The Lord's Prayer
THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory Chorale in E^b Major Dupre
* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication
SERMON Three Boxes

*HYMN 1 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
If with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him.
Let the Amen sound from his people again:
Gladly for aye we adore him.

Amen

OUR GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

1. Our God, our help in ages past,
   Our hope for years to come,
   Our shelter from the stormy blast,
   And our eternal home.

2. Under the shadow of thy throne
   Thy saints have dwelt secure;
   Sufficient is thine arm alone,
   And our defense is sure.

3. Before the hills in order stood,
   Or earth received her frame,
   From everlasting thou art God,
   To endless years the same.

4. A thousand ages in thy sight
   Are like an evening gone,
   Short as the watch that ends the night
   Before the rising sun.

5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
   Bears all its sons away;
   They fly, forgotten, as a dream
   Dies at the opening day.

6. Our God, our help in ages past,
   Our hope for years to come,
   Be thou our guard while troubles last,
   And our eternal home.

Amen

EDICTION
Choral Response God Be With You

*Indicates when the congregation stands.

CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the Guest Register. Attending the Guest Register as host and hostess are Bill and Betty Blanchard. Greeters of the Day are Mr. Mack Lackey and Mr. Ken Harper.

E ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Miss Caroline Powell in memory of her sisters, Mrs. Mary Powell Brantley, Mrs. Clara Powell Lee, and Mrs. Josephine Powell Newell.

DAY: 6:00 Church Family Softball at College Field

E RENOVATIONS to our church sanctuary are now in process. We are grateful to Elon College for the use of Whitley Auditorium in this interim. Our Sunday Services will continue here for the next two or three weeks. Other programs and activities will be held at the church site as usual.

SPITALIZED: Mrs. Louise Piercy at Memorial and Dr. James Overton at Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem. Mrs. Charles Jeffreys is a patient at Americana Health Care Center, 180 South State Street, Elgin, Illinois, 60120.

E ADULT CHOIR will rehearse Wednesday evening at 7:30 in the Updyke Choral Center.

TICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 13, 1978

MATTHEW 15:21-28

One: here was a pagan who stood out of bounds to the Messianic mission. Two: this was a Canaanite, and Canaanites were old enemies of the Jews, as Syrians today regard the Israeli to be their enemies. Three: this was a female in a world that ran on male machismo. So, for the disciples, it was, "One, two, three strikes—you're out!" and they plead with Jesus to "send her away." Not Jesus. In the woman's quick wit, Jesus sensed an open trust. In the tenacity that held her there before him, eye to eye and toe to toe, pleading for her child, Jesus saw love. He responded with health for her child and praise for her courageous faith.

EVANGELISM

Basic to the gospel are the concepts of the Word proclaimed and of personal, affirmative, visible response to that proclamation. It is this proclamation and this personal response which alone creates the church. Evangelism—proclamation and response—is the essence of the Christian Gospel. The Word eternal became the Word incarnate addressed to humanity. God's intent in this was that the Word proclaimed would be heard by persons, who would respond by individual reception of the Word and by commitment to the Lord.

It is evident further that each one in the community of those who have heard and responded to the gospel of Jesus Christ is intended to be a proclaimer of the gospel that creates the church. Witnessing is always with the intent that others should hear and respond to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. "Each one win one" is not simply a catchy phrase. The response to evangelistic proclamation is to convey the Perfect Person by individual persuasion.

Jesus' command that we proclaim the gospel included the actions which he deemed to be a recognizable response by the hearer. To his command, "Go . . . preach" (Mark 16:15) Jesus implied the affirmative action-response, "be baptized . . . be taught!"

Dr. Robert Shaw, President
European Evangelistic Society
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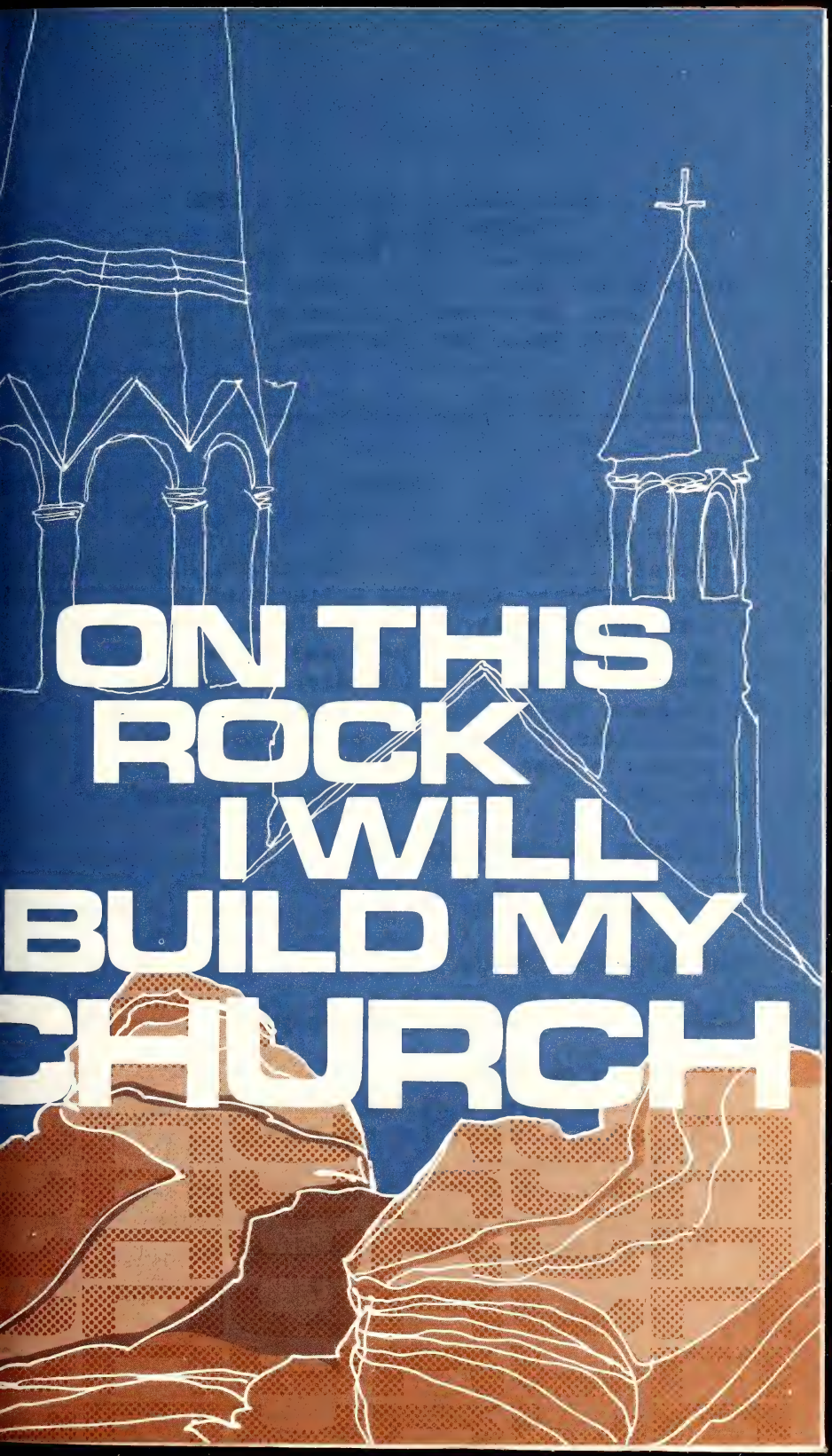
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I WILL
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ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
United Church of Christ
Elon College, North Carolina

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Mrs. David Bragg, Director of Music
Jeff Price and Greg Price, Acolytes

August 20, 1978 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Elegie Peeters

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choral Introit Not Alone for Mighty Empires
UNISON PRAYER (From The Bulletin of August 9,1959)
Lord God of Hosts, be thou with us. Give us great memories of the past and let us dream greater dreams for the future. We ask thy guidance in our work that among the changes and trials of this life, we may remain unshaken in hope and purpose. Amen.
*HYMN 260 "The Church's One Foundation"

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 130

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Matthew 16:13-21

ANTHEM The Lord's My Shepherd Trad. Air

THE SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
The Lord's Prayer
THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory Freu Dich Sehr, O Meine Seele Bohm
* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

ERMON Waiting for an Answer

YMN 63 "Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing"

ENEDICTION
Choral Response Glory to God in the Highest

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CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the Guest Register. Attending the Guest Register as hostess is Miss Nannie D. Reitzel. Greeters of the Day are Mr. W.E. Price, Jr. and Dr. Philip R. Mann.

HE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Drumm in memory of her mother, Mrs. Emma F. Tong.

ODAY: 6:00 Church Family Softball at College Field

ONGRATULATIONS to Dr. and Mrs. John G. Truitt on their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary. A Service of Celebration will be held this afternoon at four o'clock at The Elon Home for Children.

ROGRESS is being made on the renovations to our sanctuary. We are grateful to Elon College for the use of Whitley Auditorium in this interim. Our Sunday Services will continue here for the next week or two. Other programs and activities will be held at the church site as usual.

HE ADULT CHOIR will rehearse Wednesday evening at 7:30 in the Updyke Choral Center.

EXT SUNDAY the coaches and players of the Elon College Fighting Christian Football Team will be our guests for our Service of Worship.

ICTURES and certificates for the 1978 Confirmation Class and other new members are available in the Church Library.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 20, 1978

MATTHEW 16:13-20

On what "rock" is Christ's Church founded? For some Christians, the authority of the Church rests on an unbroken chain of succession that traces through Peter back to Jesus. For other Christians, the Church's authority derives from confessing Jesus as "the Christ, the Son of the living God." Roman Catholic theologian Hans Küng pushes us all to a deepened understanding of Jesus' word to Peter. Says Father Küng, not mere chain of succession or verbal confession, but *succession in spirit* and Christly *service itself* are foundation stones of Christ's Church. The powers of death shall not prevail against a Church erected on them.

THE ARTS MOVE OUT IN NEBRASKA

For several years Doane College in Crete, Nebraska, a member of the United Church of Christ Council of Higher Education, has helped to bring the arts to rural areas. Thanks to a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts, the City-Spirit Program was undertaken, which has brought special events to a number of small towns on successive Sundays. Speakers from Doane preached at the morning service in local churches and touched on the relationship between aesthetic experience and the enrichment of life. Afternoon workshops were held on such subjects as mime, drama, and painting with acrylics. At the same time, residents of the community's rest, nursing, and retirement homes were treated to a performance by the Doane College Department of Music. And in the evening, performances of opera, mime, theater, vocal and instrumental music brought first-rate productions to enthusiastic audiences.

This successful venture of church-college cooperation yielded many benefits to congregations in Nebraska, and elements of this program are continuing.

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Mrs. David Bragg, Director of Music
Mark Ellis and Andre Wilkins, Acolytes

August 27, 1978 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Improvisation on "Avon" Hanse

CALL TO WORSHIP Bruce Morga
Choral Introit Not Alone for Mighty Empire
UNISON PRAYER Dale Craf
God our Father, as we worship today, may our lips rightly praise you, our thoughts honor you, and our prayers reflect your will for us. Make us aware of your presence here and in the week hereafter. In the Name of Jesus our Lord, we come and we worship and we minister, Amen.
*HYMN 251 "Holy, Holy, Holy!"

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
Remarks Roxie Bratton
OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 27:1-8 David Vaughan

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Romans 12:1-9 John Thompson

ANTHEM The Dulcimer Sweet Davis

THE SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
The Lord's Prayer (All Uniting)
THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory Ariosa in c minor Albinoni
* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

ERMON Three-point Stance Dr. Hamilton

MN 60 "Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name"

ENEDICTION
Choral Response God Be With You

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ELCOME to the players and coaches of the 1978 Fighting Christians of Elon College. Our thanks go to five of these young men who are assisting as liturgists this morning.

DAY: 6:00 Church Family Softball at College Field

ROGRESS CONTINUES on the renovations to our church sanctuary. The interior painting will begin this week. Our Service of Worship will continue here for one more Sunday; other programs and activities will be held at the church site as usual. We are grateful to Elon College for the use of Whitley Auditorium in this interim.

IE ADULT CHOIR will rehearse Wednesday evening at 7:30 in the Updyke Choral Center.

EMBERS are asked to provide the names and addresses of college students. This information and other articles for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

ICTURES and certificates for the 1978 Confirmation Class and other new members are available in the Church Library.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 27, 1978

ROMANS 12:1-7

"Don't let the world . . . squeeze you into its own mold, but let God remold your minds." That is the way Phillips renders Paul's words. The rendering suggests something—that the world is simply not big enough to hold all there is in your soul. It is like cramming a size-nine foot into a size-eight shoe. Things like the love of wonder and the wonder of love, a sense of mystery overarching and grace undergirding get squeezed out when the world squeezes you in. Letting God remold your mind is a liberation—like getting your feet out of too-tight shoes and into shoes that feel as though your feet had been made for them.

INDIAN RIGHTS IN NEW MEXICO

The Native American Task Force of JSAC, the Joint Strategy and Action Committee, which represents many of the ecumenical interests of our United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, the U.C.C. Council for American Indian Ministry, and many other Native American groups is concerned about proposed federal legislation which threatens some 58,000 acres of grazing land and 479 billion gallons of precious water. The legislation proposes to build the nation's first commercial coal-gasification plant in a concentrated area of the Navajo Reservation in New Mexico.

Those who support this legislation point to increasing energy needs and the increasing dependency of the United States on foreign-oil imports. Those who contest it point out that the project is only a "band-aid" approach to the problem of finding energy, and a poor band-aid approach at that, since the plants would be obsolete in twenty-five years. They point out that the plants would "steal" water from a yet-uncompleted Indian Irrigation Project and emit deadly toxic materials—lead, mercury, cadmium, arsenic, and boron. The consumer and taxpayer would foot the bill, funds for which, they say, could far be better spent on permanent and non-destructive alternate energy sources.

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September 3, 1978 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Morning Hymn Peeters

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choral Introit Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty
UNISON PRAYER
God our Father we have come once again to hear your correcting and strengthening Word. Let that Word speak to us in our worship and our service that we might be faithful to our calling as your people. Amen.
*HYMN 12 "From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Mathew 13: 1-9, 18-23

ANTHEM Glory to God on High Arr. Riedel

THE SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
The Lord's Prayer
THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory Loving Father, We Come Dello Joio
* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication
SERMON Parable of the Hearers

MN 433 "God of Our Fathers"

NEDICTION
Choral Response God Be With You

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CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the Guest Register. Greeters of the Day are Dr. A. L. Hook and Mr. George Noah.

E ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Mrs. Maude Sharpe Powell by the family.

DAY: 6:00 Church Family Softball at College Field
7:30 Board of Deacons

E WORSHIP COMMITTEE meets Tuesday evening at 7:30 in the Church Library.

E ADULT CHOIR will rehearse Wednesday evening at 7:30.

The Children's Choir will begin again on September 13 at 3:15 for grades 2 through 8. The director, Mrs. Mary Anne Johnston, invites all the children to attend this first session.

XT SUNDAY we return to our sanctuary for our Service of Worship. We are grateful to Elon College for the use of Whitley Auditorium while the sanctuary was being renovated. It has been a rewarding experience to return to this place where our congregation met for so many years.

OMOTION SUNDAY in the Church School will be held next Sunday. We will meet in the sanctuary at 9:45 to assign pupils to classes.

ILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDES for September-October are available in the foyer.

SPITALIZED: Mrs. Elsia Bryant at Memorial.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 3, 1978

MATTHEW 18:15-20

April 8, 1945, was a Sunday. In the Nazi prison at Flossenburg were women and men from France, Russia, Italy, Germany, and England. An English prisoner described "a little service of worship" conducted by Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a Christian pastor who stoutly refused to support Hitler's regime. Bonhoeffer finished the last prayer. Two men came to escort him away. He took the Englishman aside: "This is the end, but for me it is the beginning of life." The next day, Bonhoeffer was hanged at Flossenburg. Today, he is a power for Christ beyond all that he could be in his lifetime. Truly, "I am in the midst of them."

THE WORK IS NOT FINISHED

Last September, the Board of Directors of the Detroit Industrial Mission recommended to the DIM Corporation that it close the Mission. That decision, finalized in October, took effect at the end of December. After twenty-one years of mission and service, with considerable support from the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, the Detroit Industrial Mission closed its doors.

In the last issue of *Life and Work,* the Mission's quarterly publication, Jo Kelsey, vice-chairperson of the DIM Board noted, "As we remember and celebrate the work of the Detroit Industrial Mission, let us remember that the agency is ending but the work is not finished. The quality of life in the work place continues to be of concern. The meaning and value of work itself needs further exploration and understanding. The oppression of racial minorities and women continue throughout the institutions of our society. Hunger and joblessness threaten to overwhelm the poor. There is much to do, to understand, to change."

The economic issues and problems remain, always changing yet unchanged. Now the continuing ministries of the church—local, national, denominational, ecumenical—will need to find new ways to confront these issues and problems in Detroit and everywhere, including the places where you may live and work.

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Chris Vickers and Greg Price, Acolytes

September 10, 1978 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Toccata, Adagio, and Fugue in G Major Bac

CALL TO WORSHIP Dr. Hamilto
(From The Bulletin of August 16, 1959)
God our Father has graciously moved us to the preparation of this house of worship. Therefore with the angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, let us laud and magnify his glorious Name, evermore praising Him.

*PROCESSIONAL 366 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

* Prayer of Invocation Mr. Lor

ANTHEM With A Voice of Singing M. Sha

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Jeremiah 31:31-3

* The Gloria Patri

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Matthew 18:21-3

HYMN 333 "Father Almighty, Bless Us"

THE SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
The Lord's Prayer

ANTHEM He Comes To Us J. Marshal

THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory Sicilienne for Flute and Organ Bac

* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

:RMON Fresh Starts Dr. Hamilton

MN 1 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

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Choral Response God Be With You

* Indicates when the congregation stands

CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome the new and returning students and faculty, requesting you to sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Our liturgist of the Day is the Reverend Mr. William G. Long, chairman of the Elon College Chaplain's Council and Dean of Student Affairs. Ms. Meri Ford is guest flutist. Greeters are Leroy Hughes and Ralph Oxford.

HE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. J. Mark McAdams in memory of her sister, Mrs. Luella S. Lewis.

ODAY: 6:00 Church Family Softball at College Field
7:00 Music Committee
7:30 Executive Board of Women's Fellowship
7:30 Senior Hi Youth

HE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP Quarterly Meeting is tomorrow evening at 7:30 in the Updyke Choral Center.

HE ADULT CHOIR will rehearse Wednesday evening at 7:30. The Children's Choir for grades 2 through 8 will begin Wednesday at 3:15.

CRAFTS WORKSHOP for the Annual Bazaar will be held Thursday. Come anytime during the day and stay as long as you can. Materials will be provided.

THER: After four weeks of renovation, our sanctuary is again presentable for worship. Some few items remain to be completed. . . Ceramics classes will be held Monday and Tuesday evenings at 7:00. . . The congregation unites in an expression of Christian Sympathy to Dr. and Mrs. Robert Blake upon the death of her father, Mr. Duffy D. Cobb of Clendenin, W. Va.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 10, 1978

ROMANS 14:5-8

A dispute was threatening to split the young church in Rome. Now, as before in letters to quarreling Christians in Corinth, Paul writes to the arguing Romans. He pleads for unity in Christ, urging that it is all right for people to be different in their modes of service, perceptions of God's will, and strength of faith. People simply are not alike, nor should they be. But the church is not to be a place where people, because they are unalike, quarrel and judge each other. The church is called to be a place where all kinds of persons find unity in Christ. We do not live to ourselves. "We are the Lord's."

REMEMBERING GOD'S BLESSINGS AT DEMI YALLAH

The village of Demi Yallah, six miles from Atakpami in Togo, West Africa, was the scene last fall of a celebration. Missionaries of our United Church Board for World Ministries, Jean and Jim Winter, were invited to attend a women's festival in which, after a lively meeting, some village women put on a skit depicting how people so often forget to thank God for their blessings.

The scene was the receiving room of an older couple's home. A weary traveler came to the door, drenched from a heavy downpour and suffering from chills and hunger. The family received him and took good care of his needs. The stranger stayed overnight but very early the next morning, before dawn, he rose, thanked the bed for a good night's sleep, the dishes for the food, the hot water for a comfortable bath, and then proceeded on his way without thanking his hosts! The moral was self-explanatory: While we're grateful and we appreciate the things we have, we too often forget where they have come from and forget to give thanks to God, our ultimate Host, for the blessings showered upon us.

And that's as true in Daytona or Detroit or Downey as it is in Demi Yallah in West Africa. The reminder of the women to that congregation can be a reminder to us as well.

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LET YOUR
MANNER OF LIFE
BE WORTHY
OF THE GOSPEL
OF CHRIST

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
United Church of Christ
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Mrs. David Bragg, Director of Music
Jeff Price and Gray Lackey, Acolytes

September 17, 1978 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Chorale on Traditional Hymn Tune Young

CALL TO WORSHIP Mr. LoCicero
Choral Introit Tallis' Canon

UNISON PRAYER
God our Father, you have set us free in Jesus Christ. Now let your Spirit work among us and in us that we may learn to be more like our Master. In his name we come to worship. Amen.

*HYMN 7 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 55:6-11

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Philippians 1:3-5, 21-27

HYMN 245 "Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me"

THE SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
The Lord's Prayer

ANTHEM Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord
Mendelssohn

THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory Arietta Dello Joio
* Cong. Response We Give Thee But Thine Own
* Prayer of Dedication

SERMON It's a Partnership Dr. Hamilton

HYMN 418 "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"

BENEDICTION
Choral Response Threefold Amen

* Indicates when the congregation stands.

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the Guest Register in the Narthex. Liturgist of the Day is Mr. Jack LoCicero, our Youth Ministry Intern. Greeters are Mr. T. L. Smith and Mr. Ken Harper.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Waverly Hughes.

TODAY: 12:00 Carry-in luncheon for Senior Hi Youth and their families.
6:00 Church Family Softball at College Field
7:30 Senior Hi Youth

CERAMICS CLASS is tomorrow evening at 7:00 in the Parish House.

THE FUN CLUB [illegible] Tuesday morning at 10:00 for a visit to historic Hillsborough.

THE CHILDREN'S CHOIRS rehearse Wednesday at 3:15 and the Adult Choir at 7:30.

SEVERAL OF our members, including the Pastor, will be traveling with the Heritage Tour which leaves Friday for Pa., Ohio, and Kentucky. Our Service of Worship next Sunday will be led by Dr. J. Earl Danieley.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AMERICAN INDIAN MINISTRY SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 17, 1978

PHILIPPIANS 1:21-27

Philippi sat in northern Greece, a gateway city between Asia and Europe. About 50 A.D., Paul and his companions had planted a church there. Ten years later, word reached Philippi that Paul was in prison, on trial for his life. So they passed the hat, sent a love offering, and proffered their help. Paul's letter is a "Thank you" to old friends. His chances of surviving were in doubt, he wrote. But if it served God's purpose, he'd like to live. In any case, Paul urged, "Let *your* life be worthy of the gospel." Whatever fate falls to any of us, we are called to live in a way that is worthy of Christ's gospel.

100 YEARS WITH THE WINNEBAGOS

One hundred years ago, the Rev. Jacob Hauser, a missionary who had served in India, arrived in Black River Falls, Wisconsin, to establish a Winnebago Indian Mission under the auspices of the Sheboygan Classis of the German Reformed Church. Work among the Indians in Wisconsin was inspired when Rev. Henry Kurtz, a professor at the Mission House Seminary, Plymouth, Wisconsin, five years earlier, was rescued from a blizzard by two Indians. The site of the new mission near Black River Falls was chosen because the Wisconsin Winnebagoes, known as the Ho-chunk Wazee-ja-chee-ra, were the only Wisconsin tribe without a reservation and were the most needy.

Today, the Winnebago United Church of Christ is a congregation of one hundred members with a full and active program of activities. Last year, nine members and the pastor attended a short-term course at Cook Christian Training School in Tempe, Arizona, to receive special training to help them better to lead their church and community activities.

The Winnebago congregation is one of 23 American Indian congregations which relate to the United Church of Christ through the U.C.C. Council for American Indian Ministry. CAIM will receive at least $150,000 from the annual Neighbors in Need all-church offering which many U.C.C. congregations will receive on World Communion Sunday, October 1.

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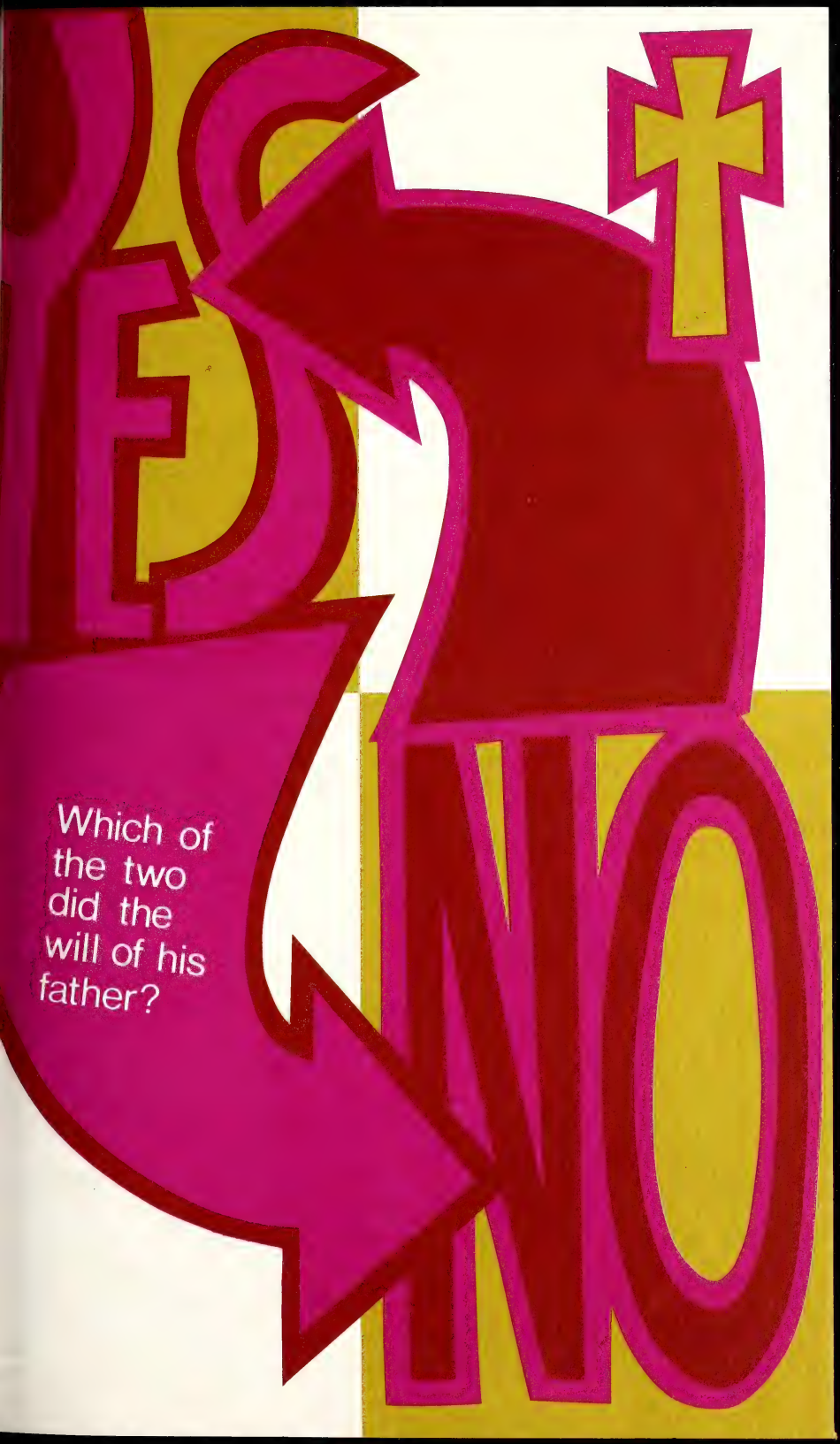
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Which of the two did the will of his father?

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Mrs. McSherry Lackey, Guest Organist
Andre Wilkins and Mark Ellis, Acolytes

September 24, 1978 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Grant Me True Courage, Lord Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choral Introit If Thou But Suffer God To Guide Thee
UNISON PRAYER
God our Father, this is the day which you have made and we come rejoicing in it. Cleanse us of all that is out of harmony with your way for us; and bring us into tune with all that is pure, lovely, and of good report. Amen.
*HYMN 246 "Come, Thou Almighty King"

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PSALTER READING 71 Psalm 25 p. 518

NEW TESTAMENT LESSONS Acts 13:13; 15:36-41
II Timothy 4:9-11
*HYMN 400 "More Love To Thee, O Christ"

THE SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
The Lord's Prayer
SOLO Praise Be to Thee Handel
(Lynne Fogleman, Soprano)
THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory Fantasia Pachelbel
* Cong. Response We Give Thee But Thine Own
* Prayer of Dedication

SERMON One Strike- and You're Out? Dr. Danieley

HYMN 66 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

BENEDICTION
Choral Response Threefold Amen

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Foster, Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Foster, Jr. by Mary Lee Foster.

WORSHIP LEADERS: We are pleased to have Dr. J. Earl Danieley return to our pulpit today. Dr. Danieley is Professor of Chemistry at Elon College and Moderator of our congregation. Our Guest Organist is Mrs. McSherry Lackey and Lynne Fogleman is Soloist.

TODAY:

5:30	Covered-dish supper for the Seekers' Class and their families
6:00	Church Family Softball at College Field
7:00	Community Service Committee
7:30	Senior Hi Youth

THE PASTOR is serving this week as a leader of the Conference Heritage Tour. This morning they are worshiping at First UCC, Oberlin, Ohio. He will return on Thursday.

THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR rehearses Wednesday at 3:15 and the Adult Choir at 7:30.

A CHURCH SCHOOL CLASS for "college age through twenties" begins next Sunday at 9:45. We invite the attendance of Elon students, other college, students, and singles and marrieds under thirty.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 24, 1978
MATTHEW 21:28-32

In Jesus' Parable of the Two Sons, where do you find yourself? Do you say "Yes" to God in creed and "No" to God in deed? Some Christians make war, lie under oath, cheat, hold in contempt blacks because they are black, and whites because they are white, deny equal treatment on the basis of gender, class, color, or sexuality, do little other than throw crumbs of relief to the poor. Others are more modest in the claim to be "religious." Yet, whether in the church or out, they struggle with themselves and in the human family for compassion, honesty, justice, and peace. Which does God's will? Like which are you?

EDUCATION FOR EVERYONE

Christian education, understood as education into the Christian life and mission, the introduction of persons to knowledge about God, ourselves, the Bible, the church, and the Christian life, includes all of our efforts to cultivate in children, young people, and adults a Christlike concern for people of every class, race, and nation, and an intimate knowledge of how the Christian fellowship is being extended at home and abroad.

New curriculum materials in *Christian Education: Shared Approaches* explicitly do just this. Each of the four basic approaches contributes to this goal by centering on God's Word. Titles of the four approaches are:

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- Doing the Word.

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PRELUDE Christ is Our True Salvation Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choral Introit Blessed, Jesus, at Thy Word
UNISON PRAYER
May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, for you are our strength and our redeemer. Amen.
*HYMN 251 "Holy, Holy, Holy!"

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS Luke 15:11-32
Philippians 4:4-9
ANTHEM Amazing Grace Davis

THE SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Lord's Prayer (in unison)
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General Confession (all uniting) Hymnal, p. 495

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storal Prayer:

Assurance of Pardon
Words of Institution
Distribution of the Elements
Thanksgiving
MN 287 "Here, O My Lord"
NEDICTION
Choral Response The Doxology

E HOLY COMMUNION is served today to all confirmed members of Christ's Church. We celebrate "open communion" inviting all professing Christians to join us in this Sacrament of Faith.

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DAY: 6:00 Church Family Softball at College Field
7:30 Board of Deacons

RCLES of the Women's Fellowship meet this week, as announced in "The Torch".

E CHILDREN'S CHOIR rehearses Wednesday at 3:15 and the Adult Choir at 7:30.

E BAZAAR WORKSHOP is Thursday from 9:30a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

NGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. Robin Woody upon The birth of Emily Katherine Woody on September 27.

E FIRST SESSION of the class for "College Age through Twenties" was held this morning. Others in this age group - singles and marrieds - are invited to join us next Sunday morning at 9:45.

ORIENTATION CLASS for new members will begin next Sunday during the Church School hour. Meet in the church library.

SPITALIZED: Miss Nannie D. Reitzel will enter Greensboro Hospital tomorrow.

E THRIFT SHOP is open regularly on the first and third Saturdays. The next open date is October 7.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY/NEIGHBORS IN NEED SUNDAY

OCTOBER 1, 1978

PHILIPPIANS 4:4-9

In Jerusalem streets, Greek marketplaces, and house churches in Rome, the early Christians greeted each other with the watchword, "The Lord is at hand." They often said it in Jesus' native tongue: *"Marana tha."* Belief that Jesus was coming back soon enabled them to resolve disputes, root out immorality, correct heresy, and outlast persecution. Were they deceived? Jesus did not return as expected. Is he in the church now? In another and real way, he is. Christ is among us as we help neighbors in need. He is present in the mystery of the Eucharist. Christ is the love in which, this day, we Christians embrace the world.

WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

Who is my neighbor? Jesus' answer is that one's neighbor is anyone in need. The Neighbors in Need all-church offering, which is being received in many congregations today, will benefit a variety of homeland neighbors. This year the recipients will be:

- American Indians, primarily the members of 23 small congregations of the United Church of Christ, neighbors who are served through the U.C.C. Council for American Indian Ministry.
- Unemployed and unemployable Americans, especially young people in our large cities, neighbors who will be helped to break out of the poverty cycle through a program of training and counseling to be undertaken by the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries.
- American senior citizens, neighbors who will be helped by the U.C.C. Office for Church in Society, to obtain their basic rights for income, housing, health care, and social services.
- New immigrants to the United States, neighbors who will be helped by the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries to obtain basic human rights to jobs and to health, welfare, and educational services, rights often denied in their own home countries.

These, among others, are your neighbors. The NIN offering raised more than $600,000 in 1977. Your generous gift to the Neighbors in Need offering in 1978 will support programs in behalf of the above-mentioned neighbors. Thank you!

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of you
to
share
my
trouble

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October 8, 1978 11:00 a.

PRELUDE Trio for Organ Pachelbe

CALL TO WORSHIP Mr. Harpe
Choral Introit Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word Bac

UNISON PRAYER
Unto thy temple, Lord,
we come with thankful hearts to worship.
May your divine blessing be upon us
to guide, strengthen, and unite. Amen.

*HYMN 98 "My God, I Thank Thee"

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PSALTER READING 82 Psalms 61, 62 p. 52

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Philippians 4:12-2

*HYMN 84 "The Lord's My Shepherd"

THE SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
The Lord's Prayer

ANTHEM A Blessing M. Sha
(Women's Chorus)

THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory Jesu, Meine Freude Bac
* Cong. Response We Give Thee But Thine Own
* Prayer of Dedication

ERMON To The Younger Sons Among Us Dr. Hamilton

YMN 371 "He Who Would Valiant Be"

ENEDICTION
Congregational Response The Doxology

* Indicates when the congregation stands.

CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting that you sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Greeters of the Day are Mr. W. E. Price, Jr. and Dr. Philip Mann. Mr. Ken Harper is liturgist.

HE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Hunter and Richard A. Hunter by Marjorie Hunter and Dorothy H. Walker.

ODAY: 4:00 Salary Committee
7:00 Nominating Committee
7:00 Music Committee

HE SENIOR HI YOUTH have just completed an All-night Lock-in Retreat in the Parish House and are seated as a group this morning.

HE ANNUAL MEETING of the ENC Association will be held here on Wednesday. Our delegates are Della Scott, Winifred Barney, and Ruth Hurst.

ARENTS' WEEKEND will be held at Elon College October 13-15. The parents have been invited to worship with us next Sunday. The Elon College Choir will be singing.

THER: Financial statements of third quarter contributions are available in the narthex... Mrs. Oma Johnson is a patient at Rex Hospital, Raleigh and Mrs. Hilda Oxford at Memorial, Burlington... Articles for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning... The Bazaar Workshop is Thursday from 9:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
LAITY SUNDAY

OCTOBER 8, 1978

PHILIPPIANS 4:12-20

In jail and on trial for his life, Christians at Philippi sent Epaphroditus and some money to assist Paul. "You helped before and you have helped again," he said. "You were kind to share my trouble." We ourselves can understand that! We've been there. When one dear to us died, someone came, not with particular wisdom about death, but with love. Comforted, we said: "You were kind to share my trouble." Or the time that our life fell apart, somebody broke through the wall of self-pity we had put up and asked: "How can I help?" We know what concern like that means! The point is: we are to be the one who goes to share another's trouble.

IT'S FICTION!

FICTION: People are hungry because of scarcity—both of food and of agricultural land. FACT: Even in the worst years of famine in the early 70's there was plenty of food to go around, enough grain alone to provide everyone in the world with 3,000 to 4,000 calories a day. In the Sahelian lands of Sub-Saharan Africa, exports of peanuts, a staple food, actually increased in the early 1970's benefiting a wealthy few as drought and hunger loomed for the majority.

FICTION: A hungry world simply cannot afford the luxury of justice for the small farmer. FACT: A study of South American nations found that the small farmer is three to fourteen times more productive per acre than the larger farmer. Redistribution of land and other basic agricultural resources like water to small farmers has resulted in rapid growth in agricultural production in places like Japan, Taiwan, and China.

What can you do about world hunger? The real hope for influencing the course of our government and society rests not so much with our denominational agencies, such as our denomination's national hunger office and our Office for Church in Society, as with the lay members of local congregations. When they—when you—become well informed and motivated to take an active part in action for justice, important changes can and will be made!

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I call you by your name

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October 15, 1978 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE O Saviour of the World, Now Come J.S. Bach

PRAISE TO GOD Isaiah 59:19,20

Pastor: People shall come from every corner of the earth to praise the name of the Lord.

People: God is our refuge and strength.

Pastor: His glory shall come like a pent-up river, driven by the breath of God.

People: To him be blessing and honor, glory and might.

Choir: "Let Us Sing Unto the Lord"

Prayer of Invocation

* Hymn 228 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

THE LIVING WORD

Psalter Reading 106, Psalm 139 p. 537

New Testament Reading Luke 15 (selected)

Anthem Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones Trad.

THE WORD OF PRAYER

The Silent Prayers of the People

The Pastor's Prayer for the People

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING

Offertory Allegretto in A Major C.P.E. Bach

* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

THE SPOKEN WORD

Welcome

Anthem The Last Words of David R. Thompson
(Marcia Groome, Pianist)

Sermon The Prodigal Father

GOING OUT TO SERVE
Hymn 29 "Now Thank We All Our God"
Benediction
Choral Response

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Greeters of the Day are Dr. A. L. Hook and Mr. Ken Harper.

WE ARE PLEASED to join with Elon College in the celebration of Parents' Weekend. The Elon College Choir, under the direction of Mr. James Glenn, is assisting in our worship. The congregation is also invited to attend the performance of the Concert Band this afternoon at one o'clock in Whitley Auditorium.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lowe, Jr. in memory of their son, Wilkes Estes Lowe, III.

TODAY: 7:30 Senior Hi Youth

THE FUN CLUB meets Tuesday morning at 10:00 in the Church Library. The program will be presented by the various persons who participated in the September Heritage Tour. Refreshments will be served.

THE THRIFT SHOP in the Parish House will be open on Saturday from 10:30 a.m. until noon.

HOSPITALIZED: Mrs. Oma Johnson at Rex, Raleigh and Miss Caroline Powell at Duke, Durham.

OTHER: Meals on Wheels are delivered this week by our members...Financial statements of third quarter contributions are available in the Narthex... Ceramics Class is Monday evening at 7:00... The Children's Choir rehearses Wednesday at 3:15 and the Adult Choir at 7:30... The Bazaar Workshop is Thursday from 9:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.... Thanks to all who assisted in hosting the ENC Association Meeting last Wednesday... Please note the display of the Elon Home for Children in the Narthex.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
WORLD ORDER AND PEACE SUNDAY

OCTOBER 15, 1978

ISAIAH 45:1-6

"You don't know me," God told king Cyrus. "But I know you. You serve pagan gods. You are the child of a Median princess and a Persian monarch. You are not in the line of Abraham and David. You are alien to my people. But you are not alien to my purpose. I call you by your name. You are my Anointed, to bring Israel from exile to new nationhood. I am Sovereign of all rulers." In the sixth century B.C., God reigned. In the twentieth century A.D., God reigns. What opposes the divine intention is cast aside—in all ages. To time's End, God shapes every human power to serve the divine intention for all human life.

MAKE AN IMPACT ON PUBLIC POLICY

Do headlines sometimes make you feel frustrated, helpless, distrustful? Do you sometimes wish that there were something that you, as a Christian, could do to affect public policy, to make your concerns known, to have some part in the legislative process?

There is, through IMPACT, an interreligious network of committed persons. IMPACT is an action network of dedicated persons acting together on their spiritual and moral convictions.

Your denomination works with other denominations through the Washington Interreligious Staff Council on seven types of issues: U.S. food policy, foreign policy and military spending, health care, employment, economic justice, criminal justice, civil rights and liberties, and energy and ecology.

Members of the IMPACT network are kept informed on these issues by several publications: *Prepare* (background study), *Action* (issued when a bill is at a critical stage), *Update,* and *Hunger* (a special priority).

For information, or to join IMPACT ($5/year), write: National IMPACT, 110 Maryland Avenue, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002.

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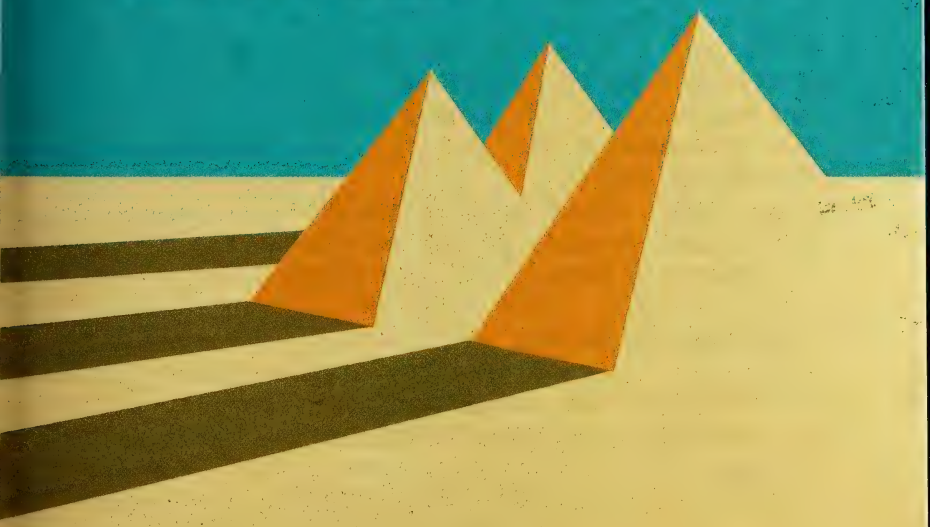
ONG A STRANGER
FOR YOU WERE STRANGERS
IN THE LAND OF EGYPT



ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
United Church of Christ
Elon College, North Carolina

Thomas R. Hamilton, Pastor Phone: 584-0391
Mrs. David Bragg, Director of Music
Andre Wilkins and Jeff Price, Acolytes

October 22, 1978 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Hymn to "St. Anthony" Della Joio

PRAISE TO GOD

Pastor: Let us worship God. He made the day to follow the night.

People: Praise God for the day and for the night.

Pastor: On the seventh day God rested.

People: Praise God for rest, and for work, and for this day on which we thank him for all our days.

Choir: The Lord is in his Holy Temple Cousins

Prayer of Invocation

* Hymn 503 "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

THE LIVING WORD OF SCRIPTURE

Unison Reading 55, Exodus 20 p. 513

New Testament Reading Matthew 22:34-40

THE WORD OF PRAYER

Hymn 400 "More Love to Thee"

The Silent Prayers of the People

The Pastor's Prayer for the People

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING

Offertory Jesus, Thy Joy Divine Bach

* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

THE SPOKEN WORD OF INTERPRETATION

Welcome

Anthem Forever Blest is He Who Serves the Lord Handel

Sermon The Great and First Mandate

ING OUT TO SERVE
Hymn 375 "Lead On, O King Eternal"
Benediction
Choral Response Holy, Holy, Holy

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting that you sign the guest register in the narthex. Greeters of the Day are George Noah and Ralph Oxford.

IE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. C. Dwight Wall in memory of their friend, Al Noah.

DAY 5:00 Finance Committee
7:00 The Pastor will be conducting services at Long's Chapel (UCC).

EW MEMBERS will be received next Sunday. Others who wish to unite with this congregation at this time should contact the minister today.

OSPITALIZED: Caroline Powell at Duke.

IE BAZAAR WORKSHOP will be held Thursday from 9:30 - 1:00 in the Choral Center. Join us for craft activities. The Bazaar is scheduled for Saturday, December 2.

LEASE SECURE your financial statement of third-quarter contributions in the narthex.

THER: Cub Scout Pack 51 meets Thursday evening in the Parish House... Congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Caddell upon the birth of Matthew Randall Caddell on October 13... Devotional Guides for November - December are available in the narthex... A special issue of "The Torch" featuring the project for a new organ will be mailed this week.... The long-range planning committee meets next Sunday evening at 7:00.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 22, 1978

EXODUS 22:21-27

It is perilous to be too well-fed. You are apt to have no real idea what it is to be hungry. There is moral hazard in being spoken well of by everyone. You may believe what you hear and lose your patience and forgiveness for people who know they are wrong and need help. Too close identification with an in-group is spiritually dangerous. You can quickly lose the ability to feel with people who are left out. Jesus, we recall, was poor, modest, an outsider to the religious and political powers of his world. That added moral energy to his concern for people who are poor, despised, outcast, and admit their sin.

RENEWAL IN NORFOLK

In Norfolk, Virginia, four small black congregations of the United Church of Christ that were located in areas affected by urban renewal have been helped by our United Church Board for Homeland Ministries and by the Southern Conference to move and to rebuild. St. Mark U.C.C., Union U.C.C., Providence U.C.C., and New Hope U.C.C. were located in old buildings and in old and rundown neighborhoods. Now housed in new buildings that are paid for by grants and loans from the Board, the congregations are located in new areas of their communities that have new housing, housing which meets the needs of a broad spectrum of persons, young and old, middle and low income. Through the Black Church Development program of the Board and through other national agencies of the church they now see new opportunities for mission and ministry.

Union Church, in particular, has found new life in developing a special ministry to the aging. With the help of a church van, which was provided by a grant from our Commission for Racial Justice, the church provides the elderly of its community with transportation as a complement to its other programs.

You have helped these congregations to contribute to the renewal of Norfolk through your ongoing support of Our Christian World Mission.

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The Word of God

which is at work in you

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October 29, 1978 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Fantasy on "Ein' feste Burg" Walther

PRAISE TO GOD

Pastor: Ask and it will be given to you. Search and you will find. Knock and the door will be opened for you.

People: For everyone who asks receives; everyone who searches finds; everyone who knocks finds the door opened for him.

Choir: "Summer Ended, Harvest O'er"

Prayer of Invocation and Lord's Prayer

* Hymn 363 "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

The Statement of Faith

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

THE LIVING WORD OF SCRIPTURE

Unison Reading 112 p. 54

New Testament Reading Romans 3:21-2

THE WORD OF PRAYER

Hymn 353 "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

The Silent Prayers of the People

The Pastor's Prayer for the People

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING

Offertory Grant us Peace, O Lord Nevin

* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

THE SPOKEN WORD OF INTERPRETATION

Welcome

Anthem Kittery William Billing

Sermon A Reforming Church

NG OUT TO SERVE
ymn 300 "Rise Up, O Men of God"
enediction
horal Response Threefold Amen

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E ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Dewey T. Holt in memory of Walter L. Smith.

DAY:	12:00	The Adult Choir will hold a covered-dish luncheon in the Parish House.
	6:30	Senior Hi Youth
	7:00	Long-range Planning Committee
	7:00	The Pastor will be conducting services at Long's Chapel (UCC).

ARE PLEASED to receive as new members of this congregation Mr. and Mrs. George W. Edwards and Dr. and Mrs. Jeff D. Wilkins.
RLD COMMUNITY DAY, sponsored by Church Women United, will be held Friday at 10:30 a.m. at Ebenezer United Church on Apple Street.
E CHILDREN'S CHOIR, under the direction of Mrs. Mary Anne Johnston, will practice on Sunday mornings at 9:30, beginning November 5. We urge the attendance of our young people in grades 2 through 8.
PRESENTATION is made today beginning our annual emphasis of subscribing the 1979 church budget. Pledges should be submitted during the next two weeks.
HER: The financial statements not picked up will be mailed this week... Articles for "The Torch" are due tomorrow... Congratulations to Mr. A. L. Rich as he celebrates his 95th birthday on November 2... The bazaar workshops continue each Thursday at 10:00.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
REFORMATION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 29, 1978

I THESSALONIANS 2:7-13

Some churches struggle merely to survive—to find workers and money to pay bills. Many are stodgy and pedestrian. They oppose change, though it seems that any change would be for the better. If that weren't enough, people who hang on in such churches often carp at each other and at any who try to lead them out of the institutional wilderness. Can a church like that live? Paul suggests that it can, if it shifts attention to its true reason for being: to "the word of God which is at work in you." That word is a reality and goal that lifts a church from merely surviving to becoming God's Household of Power.

REFORMATION'S INHERITORS

Reformation Sunday commemorates Martin Luther's daring challenge to church life and authority in 1517. While Luther's intent was to initiate debate on a wide array of theses or formal propositions, the effect of this event was to create a groundswell of demand for church reform throughout Europe which changed the course of history and the entire future of Christ's church.

Today, around the world, more than 300,000,000 Christians count themselves Protestants—inheritors of Luther's "protestations" for Christian truth. They account for 34% of all Christians and for 8% of the world's total population.

Reformation calls us to look both back—to the Gospel out of which the church was born—and forward—to the future wherein the people of Christ may fulfill the hope of wholeness and the dream of unity in the Spirit.

Rev. Charles W. Cooper, Jr.

Editor, United Church of Christ Sunday Bulletin Service

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HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP

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November 5, 1978 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Thanks Be to Thee Handel

PRAISE TO GOD

Pastor: How great are the works of the Lord
who in wisdom has made them all.

People: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and
forget not all his benefits.

Pastor: I will pay my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all the people.

People: I will offer the sacrifice of
thanksgiving and call upon
the name of the Lord.

Choir: "The Lord is in His Holy Temple" Cousins

Prayer of Invocation and Lord's Prayer

* Hymn 22 "We Praise Thee, O God"

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

THE LIVING WORD OF SCRIPTURE

Unison Reading 125 p. 544

New Testament Reading Acts 9:10-22

THE WORD OF PRAYER

Hymn 318 "Draw Thou My Soul, O Christ"

The Silent Prayers of the People

The Pastor's Prayer for the People

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING

Offertory In Thee Is Gladness Brahms

* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

THE SPOKEN WORD OF INTERPRETATION

Welcome

Anthem "Kyrie" from the Mass in G Major Schubert
(Mary Anne Johnston, Soprano)
Sermon To Paul, Ananias, Grant, and Us
ING OUT TO SERVE
Hymn 366 "God of Grace and God of Glory"
Benediction
Choral Response Threefold Amen

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E FLOWERS are placed on the altar today to the Glory of God by Jeanne, Frank, Paul, and Brian in memory of Marsha.

DAY: 6:30 Senior Hi Youth
7:30 Board of Deacons

ESDAY is Election Day. We urge you to vote. The church office will be closed on Tuesday.

SPITALIZED: Mrs. Al Gminder and Esther Gminder at Memorial Hospital, Chapel Hill.

EDGES toward the 1979 Church Budget may be given with the offering today or mailed to the church this week. The Finance Committee requests that all pledges be received by next Sunday in order that a budget can be developed. Your participation is appreciated.

E BURLINGTON BOYS' CHOIR will lead our Service of Worship next Sunday.

E CHILDREN'S CHOIR, under the direction of Mrs. Mary Anne Johnston, practices on Sunday mornings at 9:30. We urge the attendance of our young people in grades 2 through 8.

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 5, 1978

I THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

Bill was sick. That Sunday morning, children from his church visited his home to bring love and good wishes. Faithfully, for most of his 79 years, he had been in the church. That afternoon, Bill died. From within that home and church, you ask: "Is that it? Does that wipe out Bill for his family and church?" Not if you take seriously the Resurrection. Bill is among "those who are sleeping." Christ's life was in Bill, in Bill when he "fell asleep." Bill will be awakened to new life in the same Christ. That hope binds Bill and the church in community, now, while Bill sleeps and waits, with the church, for God's Awakening Day.

A RESPONSIBLE CARE OF THE GOSPEL

One of the great imperatives facing the Christian church today is the urgent need for its membership to become responsible stewards of God. The world, in this last quarter of the twentieth century, is prodding us sharply, and nothing less than obedience by Christians to the whole Word of God will be adequate.

Wallace E. Fisher reminds us that "Biblical stewardship is a lifestyle with the cross at the center." Christian stewardship of the self is indispensable if you are to be "in Christ." This emphasis includes your time and how you use it, your resources and how you use them, your experiences and how you use them!

Christian stewardship begins with the recognition that Jesus is our example, our illustration. From the beginning, the earliest disciples understood that Christian stewardship required of them a heart that had been converted, a mind that had been enlightened, and a will that was obedient.

Jesus Christ gives explicit directions on where he wishes us to go and what he wishes us to be. He invites us to "lose our lives" in obedient response to his life. In Matthew 25:13, Jesus reminds us that all of us are accountable for the stewardship of the self. "Watch, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Rev. Robert B. Smith
First Presbyterian Church
Midland, Texas

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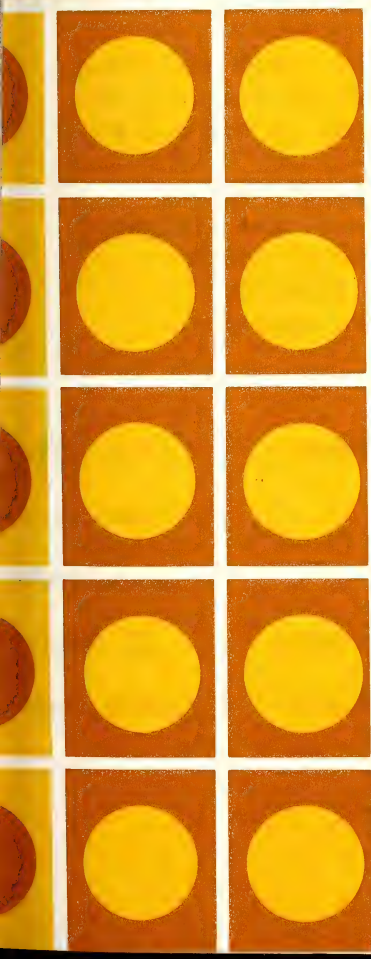
WELL DONE GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT



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November 12, 1978 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Praise Thy Holy Name Nevin

PRAISE TO GOD Psalm 10

Pastor: Serve the Lord with gladness. Come into his presence with singing. Know that the Lord is God; it is he that made us and we are his.

People: We are his people. We enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. We give thanks to him and bless his holy name.

Prayer of Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

* Hymn 15 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

WELCOME TO THE BURLINGTON BOYS' CHOIR
Eva A. Wiseman, Director
Sharon M. LaRocca, Accompanist

PART I

Come, Children, Praise Our Lord M. Haydn

He, Watching Over Israel F. Mendelssohn

Lord, Descend To Us F. Mendelssohn

Sing To The Lord A Marvelous Song E. Butler

My Song Shall Be Alway Thy Mercy F. Mendelssohn

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

E ARE PLEASED to welcome the Burlington Boys' Choir to our Service of Worship today. This choir has received international acclaim. We are proud of their dedication and their accomplishments. One of our church family, Jonathan Blake, is among the choir's membership.

ODAY: 5:00 The Finance Committee will meet to prepare the contact assignments for the Every Member Canvass.
6:30 Senior Hi Youth
7:00 Music Committee
7:00 The Worship Committee meets to plan for the Annual Moraviam Lovefeast.

LEDGES toward the 1979 Church Budget may be given with the offering today. Fifty families have submitted pledges already.

UB SCOUT PACK 51 meets in the Parish House on Thursday evening.

HE THRIFT SHOP will be open to the public on Saturday from 10:30 until noon.

OSPITALIZED: Mrs. Al Gminder at Memorial, Chapel Hill

RTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

E LIVING WORD OF SCRIPTURE

)ld Testament Reading	Psalm 92:1-4
Iew Testament Reading	Matthew 25:14-29

E WORD OF PRAYER

The Silent Prayers of the People

The Pastor's Prayer for the People

E PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Stewardship Message

)ffertory	Aria	Peeters

The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

PART II

We See The Lord	arr. Betty C. Pulkingham
He Is The Lord	
Oh, The Blood of Jesus	Sankey; arr. Pulkingham
At The Cross	
Alleluia	arr. Pulkingham
And You Shall Have Power	Corrin; arr. Pulkingham
Thank You, Thank You, Jesus	arr. Pulkingham

NEDICTION

Choral Response	Thee We Adore	Dubois

CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting that you sign the guest register in the narthex. Greeters of the Day are Mr. Leroy Hughes and Mr. W.B. Terrell.

E ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. John D. Schmidt in memory of their parents.

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 12, 1978

MATTHEW 25:14-30

Invest it or lose it! That's true of money. Hide it in a bed, and even if thieves do not "break in and steal," inflation erodes its worth. Invest it or lose it! That's true of ability. Unused skills rust, get stale, and atrophy—as any athlete or linguist knows. Invest it or lose it! That's true of Christian faith. Share it in ministry and mission, or it will dwindle because it was not practiced. Invest your work and money for the gospel's increase in you and throughout the world. Like the five-talent and two-talent servants in Jesus' story, you'll hear, "Well done, good and faithful servant . . . enter into the joy . . ."

HELP FULFILL GOD'S PURPOSES, GIVE

"I guess that God can get along without me. After all," the argument runs. "God is not dependent on me, it's the other way around." How neatly logical, but it's only half-true!

God's purposes call for the participation of people. God can't get along without you if the ultimate purpose of this universe is to be fulfilled. You—with all your warts and freckles, with all your sins of omission and commission—are needed by God!

And what are you needed to do? The Gospel makes it plain that you are needed to share yourself with others, in short: to give yourself, and your substance—the extension of yourself to places you cannot go.

Consider for a moment how the gift of yourself and of your substance can help to fulfill God's purposes. Your gift can make God's care real for someone. The biblical "cup of cold water given in Christ's name" can take many forms—a comforting touch for someone who has suffered loss, a shovel for a farmer who has only a stick, a copy of John's Gospel for a new reader, a letter to the editor on a matter of public policy, a vote as a stockholder on a company's social responsibility, pledges and gifts of money which enable your church to carry on its many ministries.

Help fulfill God's purpose, give!

Rev. Charles W. Cooper, Jr.

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When did we see thee hungry?

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November 19, 1978 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE With Thankful Hearts We Come to Thee Walthe

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit If Thou But Suffer God to Guide The
Prayer of Invocation
* Hymns 21 "We Gather Together"
66 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

THE LIVING WORD OF SCRIPTURE
Old Testament Reading Psalm 100 Ms. Pric
Unison Reading 130 Romans 8 p. 54
New Testament Reading Luke 17:12-1

THE WORD OF PRAYER
Hymn 460 "We Plow the Fields and Scatter"
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Andante in E Major Franc
* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

THE SPOKEN WORD OF INTERPRETATION
Welcome
Anthem Gloria in Excelsis Deo Vivaldi
Sermon The Lost Grace

GOING OUT TO SERVE
* Hymn 29 "Now Thank We All Our God"
* Benediction
* Choral Response God Be With You

* Indicates when the congregation will stand.

PARISH CONCERNS

CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting that you sign the guest register in the narthex. Our liturgist today is Ms. Vicki Price. Greeters of the Day are Howard Loy and George Noah.

E ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. James W. Lyon in memory of her father, Mr. G. Dudley Turner, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas P. Lyon.

DAY:
- 12:00 Junior Class covered-dish luncheon
- 5:00 Finance Committee
- 6:30 Senior Hi Youth
- 7:00 Christian Education Committee
- 7:00 Community Service Committee

E FUN CLUB meets Tuesday morning at 11:30 in the Choral Center for a covered-dish Thanksgiving luncheon. A musical program will be provided by the Elon Singers.

U ARE INVITED to attend an ecumenical Service of Thanksgiving Thursday morning at 10:00 at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Comforter.

SPITALIZED: Mrs. Al Gminder at Memorial Hospital, Chapel Hill.

E BULLETIN BOARD in the narthex is for two purposes: 1) to order wreaths for Christmas decorating and 2) to sign up to work at the Bazaar on December 2. The wreaths will be made by our members the week of Dec. 4 - 8.

ECIAL ENVELOPES are available in the narthex for your Thanksgiving contribution to the Elon Home for Children.

E SACRAMENT of Holy Baptism will be observed next Sunday. Interested families are asked to make arrangements with the Pastor.

EDGES toward our 1979 Church Budget have now been received from 105 of our families.

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 19, 1978

MATTHEW 25:31-46

In Jesus' Parable of the Last Judgment, both the righteous and those about to be cast into eternal fire ask the Judge: "When did we see *thee* hungry?" Neither the indifferent nor the compassionate had recognized the hunger of Christ in the plight of others. Christ had come in destitute lives—incognito. Is it not the ability to respond with help for elemental human need that sorts out Christ's true servants from those who are blind to him? "The hungry, sick, homeless, and outcast," says Jesus, "what you do to them you do to me. Neglect or help. Either way!" The incognito Christ calls us to deeds of mercy and justice.

THANKSGIVING

Thank you, God, for all the gifts you give us, for
Rain, snow, mists, sunshine,
Heat, cold,
Sunrise, sunset,
Songs to be sung, tunes to be whistled,
Gravity that keeps my feet on the ground,
Aerodynamics that let me fly,
Electricity, telephones, radio, television,
Boosts along the way,
Work to be done,
People who need help,
Friends who agree or disagree, but stay friends,
Warm smiles, joyous laughter,
Family,
Trees, flowers, crops,
Seas, mountains, plains,
Life, love, beauty,
For more than we can even comprehend.
Open our eyes to the abundance of your bounty.
Open our hearts in giving thanks
So that the abundance which we receive
May overflow to others.

Jean Wolfolk, President
Church Finance Council
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God so clothes the grass of the field...

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November 26, 1978 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Come, Ye Thankful People, Come Bunje
Call to Worship
Choral Introit If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee
Prayer of Invocation
* Hymn 317 "I Love to Tell the Story"
THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM
* The Statement of Faith

A Symphony of the Church Year

ADVENT The Anticipated Messiah
Scripture Isaiah 11:1-
Comments
Anthem Solo Patiently Have I Waited for the Lord
(Peggy Lackey, Soprano) Saint-Saen
CHRISTMASTIDE Jesus Christ as God Incarnate
Scripture Luke 2:1-1
Comments
Hymn 122 "God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen"
EPIPHANY Jesus, the Light of the World
Scripture Matthew 2:1-1
Comments
Hymn 119 "As With Gladness Men of Old"
LENT Jesus Christ The Revealer
Scripture Mark 1:9-12; I Corinthians 11:23-2
Comments
Hymn 153 "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days
EASTERTIDE Jesus Christ The Risen Savior
Scripture Mark 16:1-
Comments
Hymn 182 "Christ The Lord is Risen Today"

ENTECOST God The Holy Spirit
Scripture Acts 2:1-8, 12-21
Comments
Hymn 242 "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"
RINITY God in Three Persons
Scripture Matthew 25:31-40
Comments
Hymn 251 "Holy, Holy, Holy"
RAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Variations on Hyfrydol Nevins
The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication
IE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome
Meditation The Theme of the Symphony: Have This Mind...
NISON PRAYER
God, our Father, we thank you for the Good News which we celebrate in the Christian year. As we remember and retell the Gospel story, let its message strengthen and renew us. What we have heard with our ears, may we believe in our hearts, and do in our lives. Amen.
ENEDICTION
Choral Response Holy, Holy, Holy

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IE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Sam Shomaker in memory of her father, Mr. E.T. Murray, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R.S. Shomaker.

ROSE is placed on the altar by Mrs. W. C. Perry, Jr. to honor Emily Katherine Woody who today receives God's gift of Holy Baptism. Emily is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Woody, Jr.

DDAY: 6:00 The Finance Committee meets.

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 26, 1978

MATTHEW 6:24-34

Near Nazareth is Esdraelon valley. There, Jesus saw birds build nests, grass blow in the wind, and wild flowers bloom in spring. These are evident signs of hidden reality. Paul later wrote in Romans: "Ever since the creation . . . God's invisible nature has been clearly perceived in the things that have been made." We read the Creator in the creation. Jesus told that to people who fretted over livelihood—not to lull them into idleness but to put life into perspective. God did not make us for seeking worth by amassing goods. Accepting the worth God vests in us, we are to seek God's "goods": love, justice, and peace.

A BIBLE FOR PONAPE

Last year, on the tiny island of Ponape in the South Pacific, over a thousand persons crowded into the Roman Catholic Church in Kolonia, the largest building available on the island, to dedicate a new translation of the Bible. This new translation, which includes the New Testament and an abridged Old Testament, has been ten years in the making. Principal translators were Dr. Harold F. Hanlin, from 1947 until his retirement in 1973 a missionary of our United Church Board for World Ministries, and the Rev. Paulino Cantero, S.J., a native Roman Catholic priest.

This new translation replaced one made in 1887 by the American Bible Society. It also makes many portions of the Old Testament available in Ponapean for the first time. Ponapean is the native tongue of the 17,000 people who live on Ponape and its satellite islands, part of the Caroline Islands which the United States administers under a United Nations Trusteeship. Predecessors of our United Church Board for World Ministries have been working in this area of Micronesia since 1852.

Providing a Bible in the language of the people of Ponape—and in over 1,000 other languages—is an important part of *Our Christian World Mission.*

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December 3, 1978 First Sunday in Advent 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Traditional Carols Elon College Brass Choir
Lighting The Advent Candle
CALL TO WORSHIP
Pastor: Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon your Lift up your eyes round about, and see.
People: Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will enter to praise the Lord.
Choir: "Of The Father's Love Begotten"
INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN 228 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 9:2-7

NEW TESTAMENT READING Mark 13:32-37

ANTHEM The Advent of Our God Butler
(Church Choir and Brass Choir)
SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
THE OFFERING
Offertory From Heaven Above To Earth I Come Bach
* *Congregational Response
* Prayer of Dedication
SERMON The Irony of Advent

*HYMN 110 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

ENEDICTION

Choral Response Holy, Holy, Holy Persechetti

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

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HE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Captain Joe Stuart Burchfield by Lt. Col. and Mrs. Dariel Burchfield.

DDAY: 7:00 Board of Deacons
8:00 Handel's "Messiah"

E ARE PLEASED to have the Mary Sue Brittle Class of Bethlehem Church, Suffolk share in our worship. Each year this class visits the Elon Home for Children with special gifts.

HE BRASS CHOIR is composed of Jon White and Bruce Piner, Trumpets; Sandy Griffin and Cedric Richmond, Trombones; Laura and Larry Andrews, French Horns; John Miller, Baritone; Tim Buffington, Tuba. Accompanist for the anthem also include Nathan Artley, Tympani, and Paulette Glenn, organist.

N OPEN HOUSE Fellowship Time will be held in the Parish House following our worship. The Ceramics Class will be displaying the items they have made this fall. You are invited.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will follow our Service of Worship next Sunday. The "Torch" included a list of nominees for the various offices, committees, and boards. We also will receive a proposed 1979 Church Budget for our actions. We hope every member will attend.

HANKS to all who assisted with the bazaar yesterday. It was a most successful venture with all receipts to be designated for the Organ Fund.

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 3, 1978

MARK 13:32-37

The coming of Christmas brings an anticipation of delight. Christmas means for many of us color and light, holidays and celebrations, visits and gifts. For a time, life will be clothed with joy. But Christmas is more than an outer garment, worn for a season, then stored away. It is an inner mindset. Christmas points to the divine unexpectedness manifest in Jesus' birth. It testifies that God acts in human life—now. It calls us to live on tiptoe, wide awake to the movement of the Spirit in our midst. It sets hope on the alert, watching for the best that God can give: God's own self. Watch therefore. God comes *to us!*

ADVENT PREPARATIONS

"Then and now, the true gift of Christmas: Peace, Hope and Love." This message will come on many Christmas cards as we once again prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ. What better message could we have during this Advent season as we prepare with other Christians in villages, towns, cities, and suburbs throughout the world for this special celebration! Perhaps our gift to those around us can be peace, hope, and love. What a difference it would make in the world if we really lived by these!

The scriptures assure us over and over again that God will not let us down, but we still lose hope. Jesus tells us in John 14, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you," but many times we are not at peace with ourselves or with other people. Our favorite chapter in the Bible is 1 Corinthians 13, but we do not always make love our aim and "earnestly desire the spiritual gifts."

We look forward to Christmas as a symbol of the beginning of a new year—a new age. It is a time for renewal, a time when we can commit ourselves to go forth in peace and hope and love.

Jane Heaton
Christian Board of Publication
St. Louis, Missouri

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Bert Barbee and Mark Ellis, Acolytes

December 10, 1978 Second Sunday in Advent 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Variations A. Cabezo

*PROCESSIONAL 132 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"
Lighting the Advent Candles

THE MUSIC OF CHRISTMAS THROUGH THE CENTURIES

THE FIRST CHRISTMAS

Song of the Angels Luke 2:9-1
Reading of Hymn 120, Stanza 1 "Hark! The Heral Angels Sing

CHRISTMAS IN THE MEDIEVAL PERIOD

Reading Matthew 1:18-2
Plainsong: Veni, Creator Spiritus Lati
* Congregational Hymn 110 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Carol: Lullay, My Liking G. Hols

CHRISTMAS FOLLOWING THE REFORMATION

Nativity Song: The Holly and the Ivy Traditiona
Cantata: For Us A Child Is Born J.S. Bac

CHRISTMAS IN THE NINETEENTH CENTURY

Oratorio: The Shepherd's Carol H. Berlio
Folk Song: Still, Still, Still Germa

CHRISTMAS TODAY

Carol: Christmas Child McGloho
Solo: St. Ita's Vision S. Barbe

Adult Choir

Sopranos
Gertrude Barney
Lois Bost
Sara Dodson
Betty Fogleman
Lynne Fogleman
Jane Hamilton
Mary Anne Johnston
Peggy Lackey
Denise Pleasant
Melanie Smith
Kathy Wobus

Tenors
Wes Alexander
Dave Bragg
Paul Cheek
Bill Ellis

Altos
Joan Artley
Lee Averbach
Winifred Barney
Melva Foster
Joy Hamilton
Aundree Price
Becka Porter

Basses
John Barney
Bill Ginn
Frank Gorham
Leslie Johnston
Barry Oxford
Bill Price
Louis Wilkins

Soloists
Betty Fogleman, Soprano
Lynne Fogleman, Soprano
Mary Anne Johnston, Soprano
Denise Pleasant, Soprano
Peggy Lackey, Mezzo-Soprano
Bill Ginn, Baritone

Youth Choir

John Barbee
Jennifer Blake
Lee Ann Blanchard
Cris Bragg
Chris Bunting
Greg Bunting
Carter Gerlach
Jo Anne Gerlach

Caroline Powell
Frances Powell
Tommy Powell
Charles Wilkins
Kristen Wilkins
Joey Schull
David Young
Jane Young

HE OFFERING

Offertory Instrumental Canzona J. Obrecht

Hymn of Dedication 119 "As With Gladness Men of old"

Prayer of Dedication

HE BENEDICTION

Choral Response Teach Us to Know the Father, Son

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HE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Janet Loy Faulkner by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Loy.

DAY: 12:00 Congregational Meeting
6:30 Senior Hi Youth
6:45 Music Committee
8:00 Choir Open House at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Lackey.

HE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING following our Service of Worship is for the purposes of electing officers, boards, and committees and adopting a 1979 Church Budget.

HE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP Quarterly Meeting is tomorrow evening at 7:30 in the Updyke Choral Center.

HE MORAVIAN Christmas Lovefeast will be held next Sunday evening. Music begins at 7:00 p.m.

SPITALIZED: Dr. Fred Caddell at Memorial; Mr. Paul Huey and Dr. John Truitt at County; Mrs. Maurine Gminder at Memorial, Chapel Hill.

HER:Cub Scout Pack 51 meets Thursday evening in the Parish House...The congregation unites in an expression of Christian Sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Primm upon the death of his brother, Mr. Richard W. Primm of Thomasville, on November 29... Articles for he Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 10, 1978

ISAIAH 40:1-5, 9-11

Three voices cry one cry; three historical situations evoke one mandate; three audiences hear one call: "Prepare." Hebrews exiled in ancient Babylon, first-century inquirers about Jesus, and third-generation believers—all hear God's promises and the urgent bidding to get ready for their fulfillment. The same word comes to us in the late twentieth century. We are to be prepared for joy: God's reign is a wedding, not a wake. We are to get equipped for opportunity: God not only limits and orders, God opens doors. We are to get ready to serve: God comes to us in the need of others. "Prepare the way of the Lord."

REACHING OUT IN ST. LOUIS

Since 1913 the United Church of Christ Neighborhood Houses, which now include Caroline Mission, Dignity House, Fellowship Center, St. James Center, and Vaughn Senior Center, have expanded their mission of compassion and reconciliation so that they now reach thousands of families and individuals in St. Louis each year.

Among the services and programs which these agencies provide are: day-care centers, worship, church schools, retirement homes, summer camping, counseling, social case work and rehabilitation groups for teens and children—and many more, including housing development, innovative housing management, neighborhood rehabilitation, special programs to reach juvenile offenders and to reduce behavior problems of high school students, and aid to meet year-round emergency family needs for food and medicine.

The core of this mission is love, love working for people at the Neighborhood Houses—and at the 108 other agencies which are part of the Council for Health and Welfare Services of the United Church of Christ and which are especially remembered during this Advent Season.

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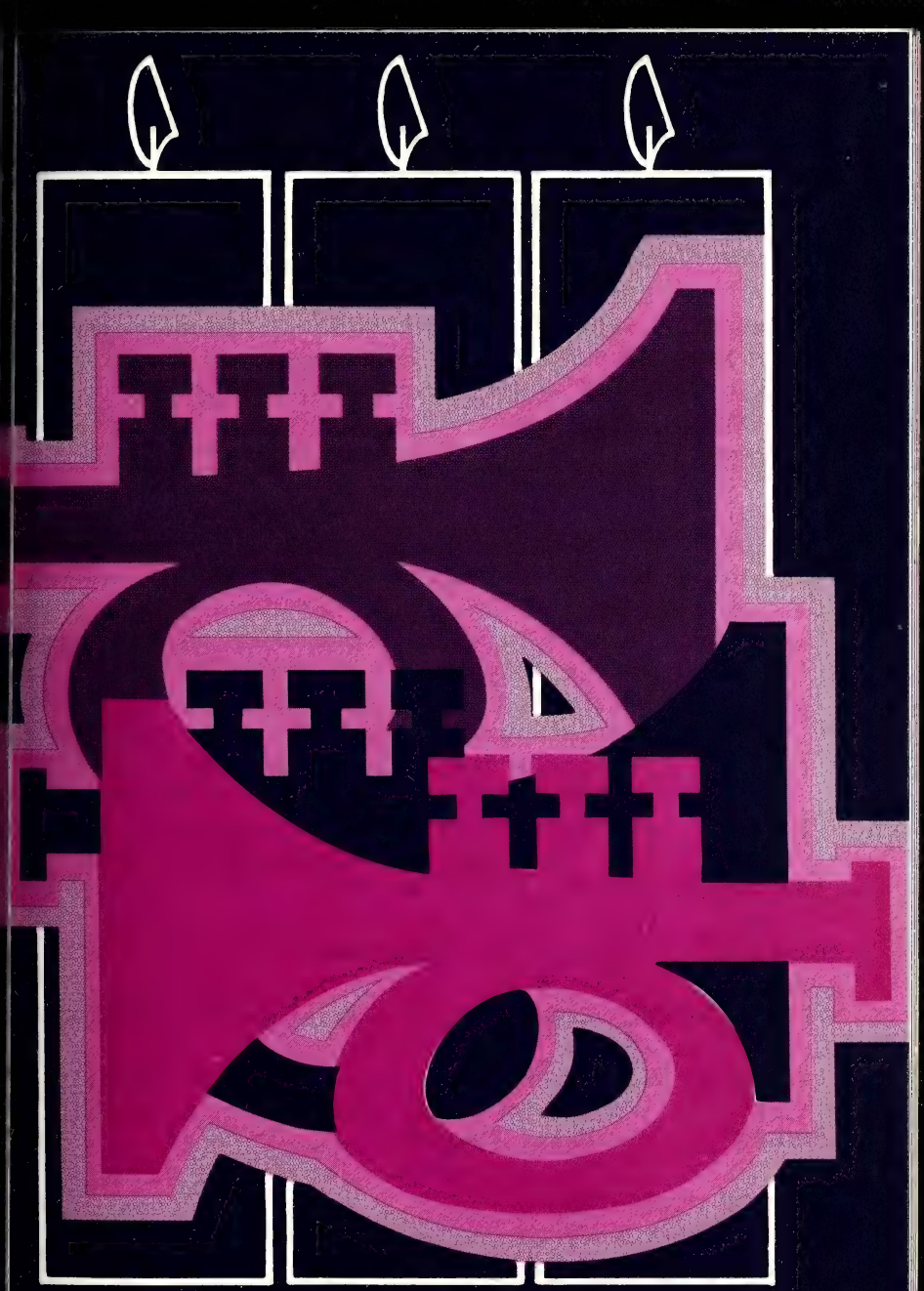

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December 17, 1978 Third Sunday in Advent 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Mary, the Beloved Nevins
Lighting the Advent Candle
CALL TO WORSHIP
Pastor: "Behold, a young woman shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Emmanuel."
People: God with us! God be with us in our songs and gifts and meditations. God be with us in our homes, our church, our community. God be with us, now and always.
Choir: "Now Let Every Tongue Adore Thee"
INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*CAROL 117 "Angels From the Realms of Glory"

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11,28-31

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 1:6-8,19-28

ANTHEM Gesu, Bambino Yon

SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
CAROL 129 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"
THE OFFERING
Offertory The Coventry Carol Trad.
* Congregational Response The Doxology
* Prayer of Dedication
SERMON Make Straight the Way

AROL 120 "Hark, The Herald Angels Sing"

ENEDICTION

Cong. Response 130 "Joy To The World" (Stanza 1)

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HE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Frederick K. Walter in memory of his father, Mr. Frederick H. Walter.

HIS EVENING, we will hold our Fifth Annual Moravian Christmas Lovefeast. The Brass Choir will begin at 7:00 and the Service of Worship at 7:30. The traditional buns and coffee will be served and the trimmed candles will be distributed.

HE CHANCEL is decorated with food items which will provide "Christmas Cheer" to needy families of the community.

OUR CONTRIBUTIONS to the Christmas Fund will provide assistance to retired ministers and/or their spouses. They also help to meet the emergency needs of other clergy. Envelopes are available in the narthex.

OINSETTIAS may be brought to the church any time this week. Owners may reclaim the plants after the Christmas Eve Service or they will be distributed to shut-ins.

ONGRATULATIONS to Henry G. Bright, Jr. and Linda E. Shoffner whose marriage was celebrated here December 15.

OSPITALIZED: Dr. John Truitt at County.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 17, 1978

I THESSALONIANS 5:16-24

Religion triggers anger, guilt, and fear in some persons. It is authority to resist, duty to avoid, and judgment to resent. Gospel or no gospel, they see religion as bad news. They hear no "good tidings" such as Isaiah 61 heralds with clear trumpet sounds. Jesus is not "light" for them as he is for the evangelist John. Unlike the apostle Paul, they are not stirred to "Rejoice" by God's intention to make human life good. Despite such feeling, the hallmark of Christian faith is glad celebration. We herald the coming of One who brings, not duty or damnation, but healing and reconciliation, righteousness and peace.

SHARE SOME SPIRITUAL GIFT

The Apostle Paul's words to the Christians in Rome have special impact on us: "I want to bring you some spiritual gift to make you strong" (Romans 1:11 NEB).

A lonely Christian minority in the middle of a secular city had hoped for a personal visit. Paul wanted to see them and to bring them a spiritual gift to give them strength for tough times. He realized that spiritual gifts travel a two-way street and he was writing in order "that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith" (Romans 1:12 RSV). The gift of faith given is faith shared.

Against this background, this year's Christmas Fund appeal demonstrates a faith shared and multiplied. By letter and by tangible gifts of money we "visit" a group of retired ministers and their spouses, nearly a thousand of whom are referred to the Pension Boards by their United Church of Christ Conference because they have special needs. Their lives have been a spiritual gift to the whole church in years past. Now these persons, with needs that come with advancing age and limited resources, are a unique Christian community in need of our visit, our spiritual gift of affection and of shared strength.

Through many years the Christmas Fund has thus "mutually encouraged" both those who receive and those who give.

Don A. Bundy
United Church of Christ Pension Boards
New York, New York

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ALL YE
STARS OF LIGHT

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CHRISTMAS EVE December 24, 1978

PRELUDE How Brightly Shines the Morning Star Bach
Choral Introit "Silent Night, Holy Night"

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION

Pastor: Christmas is here. God comes to us.
People: He comes in Christ.
Pastor: With strong and tender hand, He comes to touch all of life with hope.
People: He comes with grace and truth.
Prayer: We come, our Father, rejoicing in your gift of a Son. Thank You for this season and all the joy it brings. Thank You for Christ and Christmas. Amen.

*CAROL 129 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED

SCRIPTURE READING Ezekiel 34:11-16; John 10:7-16

CAROL 146 "While Shepherds Watched their Flocks (st:1-4)

THE ANGEL OF THE LORD

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 1:26-30; 2:8-9

CAROL 120 "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

TO YOU IS BORN A SAVIOR

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 2:10-12

TRUMPET SOLO What Child is This Jon White

ALL GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:13-20

CAROL 116 "Angels We Have Heard"

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

ANTHEM Long Ago in Bethlehem Moravian Carol

CHRISTMAS OFFERING
Offertory O Holy Night Traditional
MEDITATION Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh

CAROLS 134 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"
138 "Silent Night, Holy Night"
BENEDICTION
Chime Response

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Dr. and Mrs. J. O. Atkinson and Mrs. R. T. Bradford by the Family.

THANKS to all who have provided poinsettias to decorate the chancel. Those plants which remain after this evening will be distributed to shut-ins of our congregation.

ALL YE STARS OF LIGHT PRAISE HIM

Alleluia
OCCASIONS PS 148/2
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December 24, 1978 Fourth Sunday in Advent 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE The Christ Child is Born Nevins

Lighting the Advent Candles

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: When the time was ripe, God appeared in the mainstream of humankind. He came, still and small, into the poverty of the world, perceived only in the hearts of believers.

People: We are the shepherds who celebrate his coming. We are the travelers from afar. Gather us O God, as a community of peace and anticipation.

Choir: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*CAROL 120 "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS Luke 1:26-38
Romans 16:25-27

ANTHEM By the Wayside Moravian Carol

SERVICE OF PRAYER

The Silent Prayers of the People

The Pastor's Prayer for the People

CAROL 125 "Good Christian Men, Rejoice"

THE OFFERING

Offertory Solo O Holy Night Trad.
(Lynne Fogleman, Soprano)

* Congregational Response The Doxology

* Prayer of Dedication

RMON Adeste Fidelis

ROL 130 "Joy To The World"

NEDICTION

Choral Response On This Day Earth Shall Ring

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ANKS to all who have provided poinsettias to decorate the chancel. Those plants which remain after this evening will be distributed to shut-ins of our congregation.

R CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE of Scripture, Carols, and Meditation begins at 7:30 this evening.

NGRATULATIONS to A.C. Scott and Birdie W. Crutchfield whose Service of Marriage was celebrated here December 22.

E CONGREGATION unites in an expression of Christian Sympathy to Mrs. Adelia Truitt and Family upon the death of Dr. John G. Truitt on December 21. Memorial Services were held here yesterday.

XT SUNDAY, our college students will lead our Service of Worship. Afterwards, they are invited to attend a luncheon in their honor in the Junior classroom.

ILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDES for January-February are available in the narthex.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 24, 1978

LUKE 1:26-38

Two "Beholds" grace Luke's annunciation story. One is Gabriel's. Ended, declares Gabriel, are centuries of preparing and watching, hoping and waiting. The long longed-for fulfillment now takes shape. God is about to do a new thing. The other "Behold" is Mary's. It speaks of Mary's readiness and openness to God's leading. Her "let it be to me" is a model of trust and faithfulness. For us who live in a generation marred by cynicism and despair, it quickens belief in God—God who enters our life today with saving power. Let us Christians now be ready to greet God's advent with our own "Behold . . . let it be to me."

FOR CHRISTMAS 1978

Christmas is a revolutionary festival. Listen!
God "has regarded the low estate of [God's] handmaiden . . .
Scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts . . .
Put down the mighty from their thrones, and exalted those of low degree . . .
Has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich . . .
  has sent empty away."
  We want room for ourselves at the top.
  God makes room for those at the bottom.
Christmas—"Christ-sent"—to revolutionize us.
Christmas is a reconciling festival. Listen!
Outcast shepherds filled with fear—then: "Be not afraid;
For behold, I bring you good news of a great joy
Which will come to all the people;
For to you is born this day in the city of David
A Savior, who is Christ the Lord . . . and
  on earth peace."
  We build barriers to shut persons out.
  God breaks barriers to take persons in.
Christmas—"Christ-sent"—to reconcile us.
Christmas is a reforming festival. Listen!
Mary "will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus,
For he will save his people from their sins . . .
Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
And his name shall be called Emmanuel
Which means, God with us."
  We put down others and run away.
  God pardons others and comes to stay.
Christmas—"Christ-sent"—to reform us.

Paul L. Hammer

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Alan Young and Dan Hamilton, Acolytes

December 31, 1978 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE In Dulci Jubilo J.S. Bach
(Jane Danieley, Organist)

CALL TO WORSHIP Jack LoCicero

Leader: God's promises are sure. He has come to us in Jesus of Nazareth, sharing our common lot.

People: He has assured us that he is here with us now: let us come to him in confidence.

Choir: "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN 150 "O Love, How Deep, How Broad" (St.1-3, 6)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 60:1-6 Cindy Rinke

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 2:1-12 Joy Hamilto

THE SPOKEN WORD

Anthem Solo O Jesu Sweet, O Jesu Mild Bac
(Nathan Gminder, Baritone)

The Pastor's Prayer for the People

Welcome

* Hymn 119 "As With Gladness Men of Old"

Sermon Why We Need Epiphany

THE ACT OF DEDICATION

Offertory All Glory Be To God On High Walthe

* Congregational Response-We Give Thee But Thine Ow

* Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 152 "We Would See Jesus"
Benediction
Congregational Response The Doxology
Postlude From Heaven Above J. Pachelbel

*Indicates when the congregation will stand

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E ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Dr. John G. Truitt by Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Terrell.

ARE PLEASED to have several of our college students assisting as liturgists, musicians, and ushers this morning. Following the Morning Service, the Women's Fellowship will hold a luncheon for all our college students in the Junior classroom.

E SACRAMENT of Holy Communion will be celebrated next Sunday.

VOTIONAL GUIDES for January-February are available in the narthex.

NY THANKS to all our members for the kindnesses shown the Church Staff during the Christmas Season.

NGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Rich who celebrated their 62nd Wedding Anniversary on December 28.

E CHURCH OFFICE will be closed tomorrow. Articles for "The Torch" are due Tuesday morning.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 31, 1978

LUKE 2:25-35

We have no photographs of Jesus, no paintings from life, no news clips or tapes. Even our fragmented biography of Jesus, in large part, is a gathering of belief statements, filtered through the prismatic faith of the early church. We do have vivid picture-words for Jesus. For example, the evangelist Luke wants to show how universally God has disclosed the divine reality in Jesus. So Luke calls Jesus "light"—a bright shining on life from the depth of mystery. That light, says Luke, breaks all constraint. It illuminates the life of the whole human family. And, even yet, that light shines on in this shadowed world.

THE LAST WORD AND THE FIRST

The American Bible Society, founded in 1816, has only one purpose—"to promote the distribution of Holy Scriptures without doctrinal note or comment and without profit." The Society is a member of the United Bible Societies, a partnership of Bible societies throughout the world cooperating to make Scriptures available to people everywhere in their own language, at prices they can easily afford. On this, the final Sunday of 1978, we note that in this world God still has the last word . . . and the first!

The indigenous church groups with which our missionaries work overseas participate in the translation and distribution of Scriptures through their own national Bible societies. In India, for example, distribution of the Scriptures has been increasing, rising from 19.5 million copies in 1975 to more than 36 million in 1976, an 84 percent increase in just one year.

With new translations of the Bible in English coming out constantly, we in the United States often take the availability of the Scriptures for granted. Many people around the world, however, have yet to read or hear God's Word. You'll be glad to know that through your giving to *Our Christian World Mission* you help to support the work of the American Bible Society each year.

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shall come
to the brightness
of your rising

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January 7, 1979 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Thou God, A Loving God Walther

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choral Introit As You Have Promised, Lord
*HYMN 251 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

UNISON PRAYER
Almighty God, we would give thanks for all your benefits bestowed upon us in the past year. Grant us, we pray, a favorable and joyful year, defend us from all danger, and send us the fullness of your blessing; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord. Amen

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 61:1-3
* Gloria Patri
NEW TESTAMENT READING Mark 1:1-11

ANTHEM Each Winter as the Year Grows Older Gay

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

MEDITATION He Knew Who He Was

THE DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory Andante Moderato Bach
* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own
* Prayer of Dedication
THE SERVICE OF COMMUNION
The Invitation of Christ
Communion Collect

General Confession (all uniting) Hymnal, p. 495
Assurance of Pardon
Words of Institution
Distribution of the Elements
Thanksgiving
MN 1 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (all uniting)
Remind us, Lord, of the things we mean to do
and the ways we mean to mend.
Renew in us a right spirit
for our work in the world. Amen.
NEDICTION
Choral Response Threefold Amen

E HOLY COMMUNION is served today to all confirmed members of Christ's Church. We celebrate "open communion", inviting all professing Christians to join us in this Sacrament of Faith.

E ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Hunter and Richard Hunter by Marjorie Hunter and Dorothy Hunter Walker.

DAY: 6:30 Music Committee
6:30 Senior Hi Youth
7:30 Board of Deacons

RCLES of the Women's Fellowship meet this week as announced in "The Torch", except that Circle 2 meets with Mrs. Fields.

NUAL REPORTS for all boards, committees, and organizations of the church are now due.

XT SUNDAY the Service of Installation will be held for all newly-elected personnel. We also will be ordaining Kenneth Clem, Reggie McLelland, and George Troxler to the office of Deacon.

E ANNUAL MEETING of the congregation will be held Sunday evening, January 28, at seven o'clock. Committees and boards will meet at 6:15 for organizational and goal-setting purposes.

VOTIONAL GUIDES Are available in the narthex.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 7, 1979

ISAIAH 60:1-6

To oppressed people, Martin Luther King cried, "I have a dream
To fifth-century Zion, when the hope of a better nation had bee
battered on the hard realities of human perversity, God's proph
proclaimed a rising brightness. The Christian faith sets dreams b
fore lives perplexed and in despair. It points to the dawning hop
heralded in Isaiah, to the shining of Bethlehem's Star, to the luminou
grace of which God makes us heirs and stewards. It calls us to *se*
and to *be* light. It commissions us to help others to have a life that
humane. It gives us courage to be a people who reflect the world
brightest Light.

THE EPIPHANY

"This is my beloved Son; he feeds the countless creature
of earth, but goes hungry himself; he gives rest to the weary
but toils himself; he has no place to lay his head, but he carrie
all things in his hands; he suffers, yet he heals all wounds; h
is slapped in the face, though he gives the world its trues
freedom."

This excerpt from St. Hippolytus's sermon, "On the Epip
hany," neatly ties together the components of Jesus' life an
ministry. He ministers to all of God's creatures as the belove
Son in whom God is well pleased.

Called to minister in the name of Christ, the church is thereb
baptized with the commission to feed the hungry, heal the sick
and give freedom to the captives. Having seen the true ligh
having received the heavenly Spirit, the people of God go fort
from worship to work in the name of him who fulfills the pro
phecy of Isaiah that One would come, anointed to bring goo
tidings.

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We have found the Messiah

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Chris Vickers and Greg Price, Acolytes

January 14, 1979 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE In Pastures Green Schinner
(Peggy Lackey, Guest Organist)

PRAISE TO GOD
Choral Introit Christ is the World's True Light
Call to Worship
* Hymn 433 "God of Our Fathers"
* Prayer of Invocation (all uniting)
O God of love, who teaches us in quietness and confidence, thou wilt be our strength; lift us now to thy presence where we may be still and know that thou art God. Amen.

THE LIVING WORD
Psalter Reading 62 Psalm 1 p. 515
Anthem Solo Jesus is my Lasting Joy Buxtehude
(Denise Pleasant, Soprano)
New Testament Reading Luke 2:41-52
* The Gloria Patri

THE SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION
Installation of Committee Personnel
Ordination and Installation of Deacons

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People

THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome
Ritual of Friendship
* Hymn 227 "Fairest Lord Jesus"
Sermon There Were Two Boys

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING

Offertory Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising
The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts
OING OUT TO SERVE
Hymn 383 "Forward Through the Ages"
Benediction and Response Threefold Amen

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

CORDIAL WELCOME is extended each of you as you worship with us this morning. We especially greet and welcome our visitors. We ask each person to sign the Ritual of Friendship as a way of learning to know others.

HE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Dunn, Sr. by their daughter, Miss Ruth Dunn.

DAY: 6:30 Senior Hi Youth
7:00 Worship Committee
7:00 Outreach Committee

IE FUN CLUB will meet in the Church Library on Tuesday morning at 10:00. All people seeking fun and fellowship are welcome.

IE BLOODMOBILE will be held in the Parish House Thursday from 11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The goal is 100 pints of blood.

EASE SECURE your 1978 financial statement in the narthex.

CKETS for the retirement banquet to honor Dr. and Mrs. Clyde Fields are available through the Conference office at four dollars each. The banquet will be held on January 23 at 6:30 p.m. in McEwen Dining Hall.

HER: S. L. Allen is a patient at Memorial Hospital... our members deliver Meals-On-Wheels this week... Thursday is our Youth Rock - A - Thon... Articles for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 14, 1979

JOHN 1:35-42

In today's gospel lesson, Jesus is called by four titles. The name given at birth, *Jesus,* means "God (Jah) is salvation." It is similar to "John" which means "God is gracious." The Baptizer's cry, "Behold *the Lamb of God!*" identifies Jesus as a Suffering Servant whose life is offered for the world's sin. Two disciples call Jesus, *Rabbi,* which literally means, "my great one," "my master teacher." Peter's brother, Andrew, hails Jesus as *the Messiah,* One anointed with the Spirit to reign in David's line, to bear and dispense God's grace, and to deliver Israel from the oppressor. When you have met Jesus, whom have *you* found?

FOR OUR GRANDCHILDREN, TOO

Not long ago, an American Indian commentator remarked that in the United States native people seem to be faced with a number of options. He then noted three: development by huge multinational corporations, which threatens the very existence of native people; putting strip-mining machinery into the hands of Indians, which won't make it any less polluting and environmentally destructive; or encouraging native people against great odds to develop locally appropriate and locally defined culture and locally produced technology to work for economic self-sufficiency. The commentator's concern in all of these options is for the ecology and for the future.

"What will the Indian people do," he asks, "three or four decades hence, when the water is all gone or polluted for generations to come, when the land is all strip-mined, or sold off, or occupied by summer beach-houses, or made into golf courses, or paved by highways, or turned into deserts? What do our children and grandchildren do then?"

The Council for American Indian Ministry of the United Church of Christ, too, is concerned about the future. CAIM is supporting efforts to halt further development of coal gasification in the Four Corners area of Arizona and the expansion of strip-mining in Montana. The Council seeks the concern and support of other members of the U.C.C. as it lifts to high visibility ecological problems which affect not only Indian Americans, but all of us, including our children and grandchildren!

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January 21, 1979 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Prayer from "St. Anne" Williams
(Peggy Lackey, Guest Organist)

PRAISE TO GOD
Choral Introit Fairest Lord Jesus
Call to Worship
* Hymn 8 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"
* Prayer of Invocation (all uniting)
Your moment comes, our Father, we know not when. Life is turned, fulfilled, by leaps and bounds or inch by inch. Then we know that you are there or here, wherever we are when we call. Be with us now in our worship. Amen.

THE LIVING WORD
Unison Reading 111 Deuteronomy 32, 33 p. 540
Solo Thou Wilt Keep Him in Perfect Peace Thiman
(Mary Anne Johnston, Soprano)
New Testament Reading Mark 1:14-22
* The Gloria Patri

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Cantabile Beethoven
* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome
Ritual of Friendship
* Hymn 400 "More Love To Thee, O Christ"
Sermon In the Fulness of Time

OING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn 260 "The Church's One Foundation"

Benediction

Congregational Response God be with You

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HE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Dr. H. H. Cunningham by the Family.

ODAY: 6:30 Senior Hi Youth Rock-a-thon Planning Committee

HE RETIREMENT BANQUET to honor Dr. and Mrs. Clyde Fields will be held Tuesday evening at 6:30 at McEwen Dining Hall.

HE DISTRICT Men's Fellowship will hold its quarterly dinner meeting Thursday evening at 7:00 at Long's Chapel. Reservations are due today.

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OSPITALIZED: Paul Reddish at Memorial.

HE ANNUAL MEETING of the Congregation is January 28 at 7:00. Brief organizational meetings of each committee and board will follow. Is is hoped that every member will attend. Reports from every organization of the church will be distributed.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 21, 1979

MARK 1:14-22

An hour arrives when one in charge of an English pub calls through the house, "Closing time . . . closing time." Customers must now face the night and, perchance, the self and world they had wought to escape. Mark announces a pivotal time like that. God's reign comes in Jesus, bringing the time to face self and world in its clear light. Is ours such a time? We publicly champion honesty, generosity, and fair play, yet mock these avowed values by flagrant deceit, greed, and inequity. Should this be a hinge time—a day to face the gospel's judgment and hope, and to work and pray for the creation of a new humanity?

MANIFESTING OUR ONENESS

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, January 18-25, began at Graymoor, New York, in 1908. Within a few years it spread throughout the world, awakening Protestant, Orthodox, and Roman Catholic Christians to the reality of the tragic disunity which they had for too long taken for granted.

In addition to its primary aim of bringing Christians together in common prayer and worship, the Week of Prayer has made Christian unity an understandable goal to millions of persons at the grassroots level of church life. And, in many places, this yearly event provides an occasion when congregations can take stock of their cooperative efforts to date and plan other occasions of joint worship and common service in the year ahead.

The theme for 1979, "Serve One Another to the Glory of God," based on 1 Peter 4:7-11, calls upon the Christian community to reflect and anticipate the reign of God in all aspects of its life. Unity is seen to be a central sign of that reign—where we are called to vigilant prayer, to constant love, to selfless sharing, and to untiring service.

The Week of Prayer gives us a new opportunity to discover and manifest our oneness in Christ, in whom we find both our origin and our goal—"to whom belong glory and power forever and ever, amen."

Robert K. Welsh
Council of Christian Unity
Indianapolis, Indiana

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A PROPHET FROM AMONG YOU

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January 28, 1979 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Lobt Gott, ihr Christen, Allzugleich Walthers

PRAISE TO GOD
Choral Introit As You Have Promised, Lord
Call to Worship
* Hymn 7 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"
* Prayer of Invocation (all uniting)
God our Father, in Jesus your Son you have taught us to ask and seek and knock. We do so now.
Give us, we pray, the blessing of your presence that the way of life may be opened before us.
Amen.

THE LIVING WORD
New Testament Reading Ephesians 4:1-16
Anthem Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord Mendelssohn
New Testament Reading Ephesians 6:11-20
* The Gloria Patri

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory In God, My Faithful God Buxtehude
* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome
* Hymn 371 "He Who Would Valiant Be"
Sermon Holistic and Wholistic

)ING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn 426 "The Voice of God is Calling"

Benediction

Congregational Response Holy, Holy, Holy

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E ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Chester C. Huey by Mrs. Josie Huey and Family.

DAY: 6:30 Senior Hi Youth
7:00 Annual Meeting
Committees and Boards

E ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING of the Congregation is this evening at seven o'clock. The annual reports will be presented; your responses will be invited. Any member may offer suggestions for consideration.

NUAL REPORTS and the 1979 Membership Directory are ailable in the narthex.

E THRIFT SHOP will be open to the public Saturday morning from 10:30 until noon.

E CONGREGATION UNITES in an expression of Christian Sympathy to Mrs. Virginia Johnston and family upon the death of her brother, the Rev. Mr. John S. Graves on January 22. Memorial Services are being held at this hour at the First Christian Church (UCC), Burlington.

XT SUNDAY we will observe Scout Sunday. We invite any of our boy scouts to attend in uniform. Cub Pack 51, sponsored by our church will attend as a group.

TICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 28, 1979

DEUTERONOMY 18:15-22

How we humans have always enjoyed being told what we want to believe, whether it is true or not! We handsomely reward the soothsayer who will tell us that, really, we are all right (politicians get elected that way) or that there is some Aladdin's lamp we can rub and get what we want (radio and television preachers get rich that way). Soothsaying was popular six hundred years before Christ. *Deuteronomy* warns against it: "Don't listen to soothsayers. They are an abomination to God. God does not send them to you. Instead, God sends you the prophet who, at whatever cost to the prophet, tells you the truth."

IMPROVEMENTS AT BETHANY

When Gene and Natalie Johnson accepted an assignment to serve as United Church Board for World Ministries missionaries in the Philippines, nobody said that the job would be easy! Gene is the administrator and Natalie the bacteriologist at the 100-bed Bethany Hospital at San Fernando, La Union. The hospital has an impressive staff of well-trained doctors and nurses, some of whom received their training in the United States. The physical plant, however, was old and in need of physical updating. One aspect of this was the lack of easily available water.

Until recently it had been necessary to hand carry water to the upper floors of the four-floor hospital and store it in 45-gallon drums. You can imagine what a nightmare this was, for water was needed for washing, cooking, flushing toilets, etc. and there was constant danger to patients and staff from contamination. The hospital had a deep well which brought in only salt water. A more recent well had been drilled that yielded hard but useable water. However, lack of money for a pump and pipes and a suitable water softener delayed the use of this well until the UCBWM gave a grant to purchase these last year. Now Bethany has solved its water problem, thanks to the Johnson's leadership and to your gifts channeled through Our Christian World Mission.

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February 4, 1979 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Praise God, Holy is His Name Buxtehude

PRAISE TO GOD
Choral Introit Each Winter As the Year Grows Older
Call to Worship
* Hymn 64 "All Creatures of Our God and King"
* Salute to the Colors
The Christian Flag: Mr. Hamilton
I pledge allegiance to the Christian Flag and to the Savior for whose Kingdom it stands, one brotherhood uniting humankind in service and love.
The American Flag: Greg Powell
I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

THE LIVING WORD
New Testament Reading Matthew 5:1-16 Greg Powell
Anthem Kittery Billings
New Testament Reading Philippians 4:8-14
* The Gloria Patri

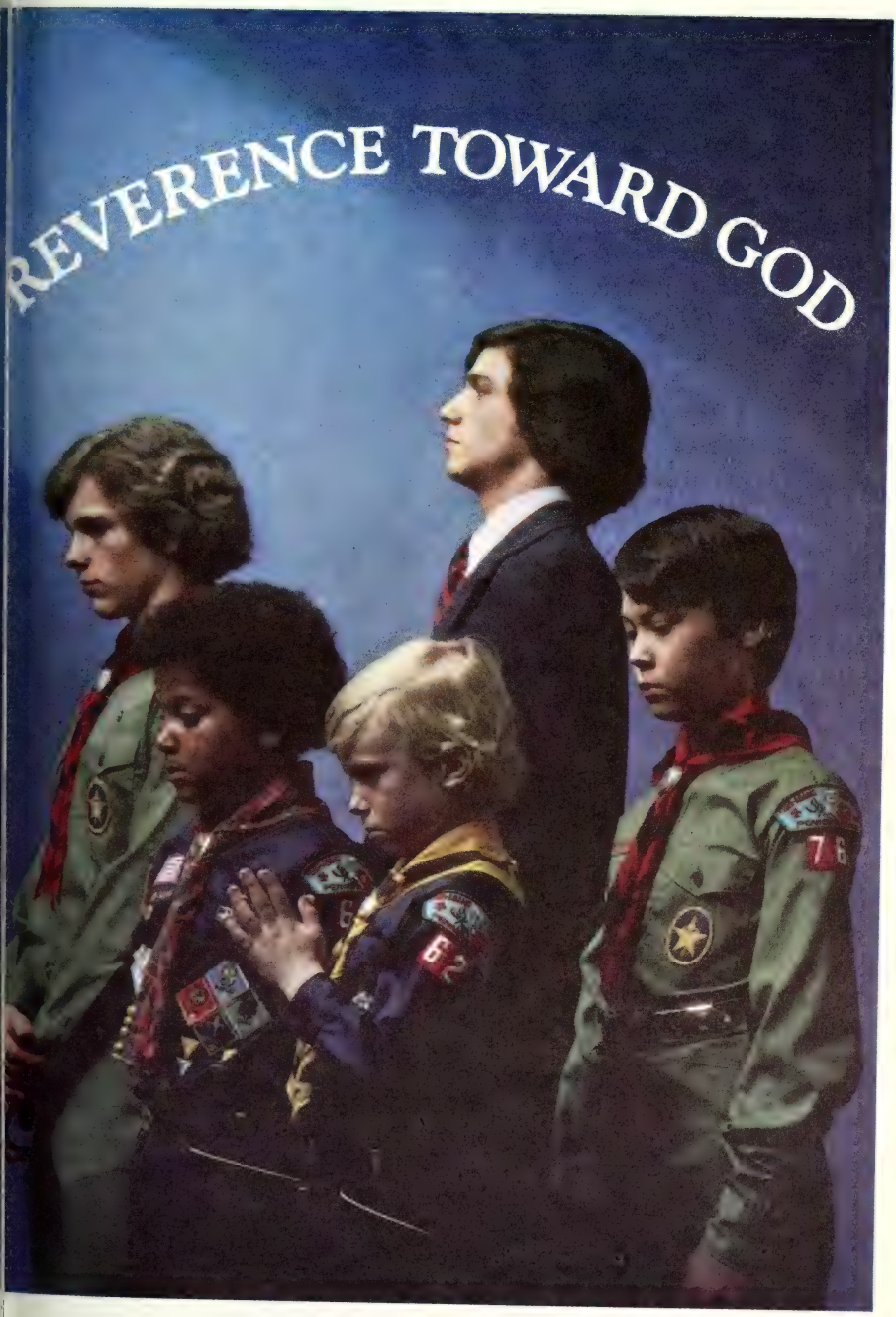
THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Chorale in F Major Brahms
* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome

CUB SCOUT PACK 51
sponsored by
Elon College Community Church

bmaster: Dr George Troxler
sistant Cubmaster: Dr. David Crowe
n Leader Coach: Kay James
ck Committee: Thomas R. Hamilton, Louis Wilkins, Earl Vickers, W. B. Terrell, James Underhill
belos Den Leaders: Jim Ethridge, Dan James, Bobbie Jones, Ernest Bare Jr.
n Leaders: Marcia Crowe, Fran Lowery, Dianne Whitaker, Linda Shepanski, Marvin Schwaeber, Junior Beheler.
belos Den 1: Jay McDonald, Mike Foster, Troy Simpson, Howie James, Danny Routh, Roger Gothorp, James Jarrett.
belos Den 2: Todd Stewart, Ernest Bare III, Todd Jones, Mike Dupree, Pudgy Harvey, Jeff Davenport, Kevin Yarborough, John Elliott, Chuck Soyars, Ray Stutts.
n 1: Mike Shepanski, Al Toler, Jimmy Huffines, Dale Simpson, Mike Morgan.
n 3: Tim Allen, James Day, Tim Beheler, Richard Morrison, Jerry King, Steven Schwaeber, Joel Routh, Joey Shull.
n 4: Brian Lowery, John Crowe Billy Byers, Mike Vissallo, Michael Scott, Todd Whitaker, John Church, James Church.



OVER

CUB SCOUT PROMISE

I, ..., promise
To do my best
To do my duty
To God and my country,
To help other people, and
To obey the Law of the Pack

SCOUT OATH OR PROMISE

On my honor I will do my best
To do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law;
To help other people at all times;
To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

THE EXPLORER CODE

As an Explorer—

I believe that America's strength lies in her trust in God and in the courage and strength of her people.

I will, therefore, be faithful in my religious duties and will maintain a personal sense of honor in my own life.

I will treasure my American heritage and will do all I can to preserve and enrich it.

I will recognize the dignity and worth of my fellow men and will use fair play and good will in dealing with them.

I will acquire the Exploring attitude that seeks the truth in all things and adventure on the frontiers of our changing world.

SCOUTING IS A SET OF PRINCIPLES

In the Cub Scout Promise, the
Scout Oath and Law, and
Explorer Code, the Boy Scouts
America has defined a set of pri
ples to which every member comm
himself. These principles include d
to God, duty to country, duty
others, and duty to oneself. A Sco
primary allegiance is to his own
gious convictions and to the prog
of his church, synagogue, or o
religious affiliation.

SCOUTING IS A PROGRAM

The Scouting program is a me
through which boys learn to prac
the principles of the movem
Through fun and adventure and e
rience in the out of doors and m
wholesome Scouting activities,
Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Explo
develop traits of character and ha
of conduct that are essential to
citizenship.

SCOUTING IS A PARTNERSHIP

Scouting is made available to
through Cub Scout packs, Boy S
troops, and Explorer units that
chartered to cooperating orga
tions. These chartered institut
operate their own Scouting units
part of their own on-going prog
for children and young peopl
majority of Scouting units are s
sored by churches and synagogue

RELIGIOUS AWARDS

Religious awards programs for
of all faiths in Scouting are avai
in their respective churches and
gogues. For more information
your minister, priest, rabb
telephone the Boy Scouts of Ame

Recognition of Cub Pack 51
Hymn 489 "I Would Be True"
Sermon Strategy for Survival
ING OUT TO SERVE
Hymn 434 "God Send Us Men"
Benediction
Congregational Response Holy, Holy, Holy

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ARE PLEASED to recognize today the Cub Scouts, leaders, and committee of Pack 51. Please note the bulletin inserts. Assisting as liturgist this morning is Boy Scout Greg Powell who is a member of Troop 17 and holds the Eagle Award.

E ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by ir. and Mrs. Wayne Bunting and children in honor of their parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Forest and Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Bunting.

DAY: 6:30 Senior Hi Youth
7:30 Board of Deacons

RCLES of the Women's Fellowship meet this week as announced in "The Torch."

ANSPORTATION can be provided for those who need it in order to participate in Friday's election. Call the church office by Thursday.

LLEGE-AGE PERSONS, married or single, are invited to attend the class which meets on Sunday mornings at 10:00.

ASE SECURE your copies of the Annual Reports and Membership Directory.

SENIOR HI YOUTH are planning a "Family Movie Nite" for February 25 in the Parish House. Tickets may be purchased from any of the young people.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 4, 1979

MARK 1:29-39

A prayer asks God, who bears the world's hurt, to "look with compassion on the sick . . . and bring health as a sign that, in your prommised reign, there will be no more pain or crying." *Mark* is a Gospel of mighty deeds. From the beginning, Jesus is shown as a teacher with authority and as one who casts out demons, gives sight to the blind, and heals the diseases of many. Peter tells him, "Everyone is looking for you." But Jesus does not do mighty deeds to draw people to himself. He gives them as signs of God's reign and downpayments on God's pledge that a time is coming when God's people will grieve and hurt no more.

TRAINED AND CALLED TO SERVE

We used to say that ministers and missionaries have a Christian vocation or calling. And this is true. However, in recent years we have come to understand once again that every Christian has a vocation, that each of us is called by God to follow Christ in whatever work we are engaged.

This fact, however, does not diminish the importance of a full-time ministry or other Christian service in church vocations. Men and women—women in increasing number—are still needed and are still being called to serve the church. Our denominations have long emphasized the need for a well-trained clergy. Our seminaries have served as centers for advanced, graduate-level training for professional staff who serve both at home and abroad. Well-known schools of sacred music have prepared persons called to ministry through music. Large congregations often employ persons with special training in business to administer their financial affairs. And secretaries and sextons and persons with a variety of other skills—persons with sometimes less formal training but no less Christian commitment—serve us all.

Both in the United States and overseas, there is need in the church today for persons with specialized occupational training. But, as for all Christians, whether clergy or lay, the sense of a Christian vocation or calling is always the essential prerequisite.

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February 11, 1979 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Chorale for Organ Peeters

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
* Hymn 22 "We Praise Thee, O God"
* Prayer of Invocation (all uniting)
From the chaos of our preoccupations and fears, gather us, our Father, into strong focus upon your presence in Christ. Help us to recall with what artistry you created your world, and us, and with what great love you redeemed us. Amen.

THE LIVING WORD
Old Testament Reading Nehemiah 8:9-12
Anthem Be Thou My Vision Children's Choir
New Testament Reading Mark 2:18-22
* The Gloria Patri

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Andante Cantabile Mendelssohn
Cong. Response We Give Thee But Thine Own
Prayer of Dedication

THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome
* Hymn 327 "Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us"
Sermon Fasting and Feasting

ING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn 60 "Savior, Again To Thy Dear Name"

Benediction

Congregational Response The Doxology

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DAY:

3-5	The ENC Association is holding a meeting at First Christian (UCC) Church to provide ministers, officers, and members of local churches the opportunity to submit positive suggestions for programs and structures of the Southern Conference.
6:30	Senior Hi Youth
7:00	Music Committee

ALS-ON-WHEELS are delivered this week by our members.

E ADULT CHOIR will hold a covered-dish dinner Wed. evening at 6:30 for choir members and their families. Choir rehearsal will follow.

E THRIFT SHOP will be open to the public Saturday morning at 10:30.

NGRATULATIONS to John Wallace Culbreth and Mary Carolyn Johnston whose Service of Marriage was celebrated yesterday.

NUAL REPORTS and the 1979 Membership Directory are available in the narthex.

TICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 11, 1979

I CORINTHIANS 10:31-11:1

Who has been the greatest help to you in your religious growth? If you are like many of us, those who most nourished your growth were not eloquent preachers or brilliant teachers of Bible and theology. More likely, they were ordinary persons who, in commonplace days, made Christ's spirit plain. They faced their own life and treated you in a way that was Christ-like. That made you want to be somehow like Christ. Because our life gets shaped in such a manner, it has been said that, "Christianity is not statements about Jesus Christ; Christianity *is* Jesus Christ." Whom can *you* now help to become like Christ?

A RESPONSE TO CHILD ABUSE

As a result of gifts to the 1977 Neighbors in Need all-church offering, the Commission for Racial Justice of the United Church of Christ has sponsored seminars on "The Response of Church and Community to Child Abuse" this past year in San Francisco, Milwaukee, Washington, New York, and Los Angeles.

These seminars viewed child abuse as a problem for attention by the church, the community, and the family. It was observed that child abuse is most effectively identified, prevented, and treated, as a community-wide effort. The seminars recognized the critical need to strengthen the family, so that it can better cope with periods of stress, and to motivate church and community leaders to assist families directly and through existing organizations.

Participants dealt with the relationships between the church and the social, legal, medical, protective, and law-enforcement agencies of the community, which together can effectively reduce child abuse. In addition, they discussed cultural and psychological factors relating to child abuse, and the development of self-help groups, such as Parents Anonymous. As the participants go back to work in the churches and communities, these seminars will help to lessen instances of child abuse, thanks to your support of the Neighbors in Need Offering.

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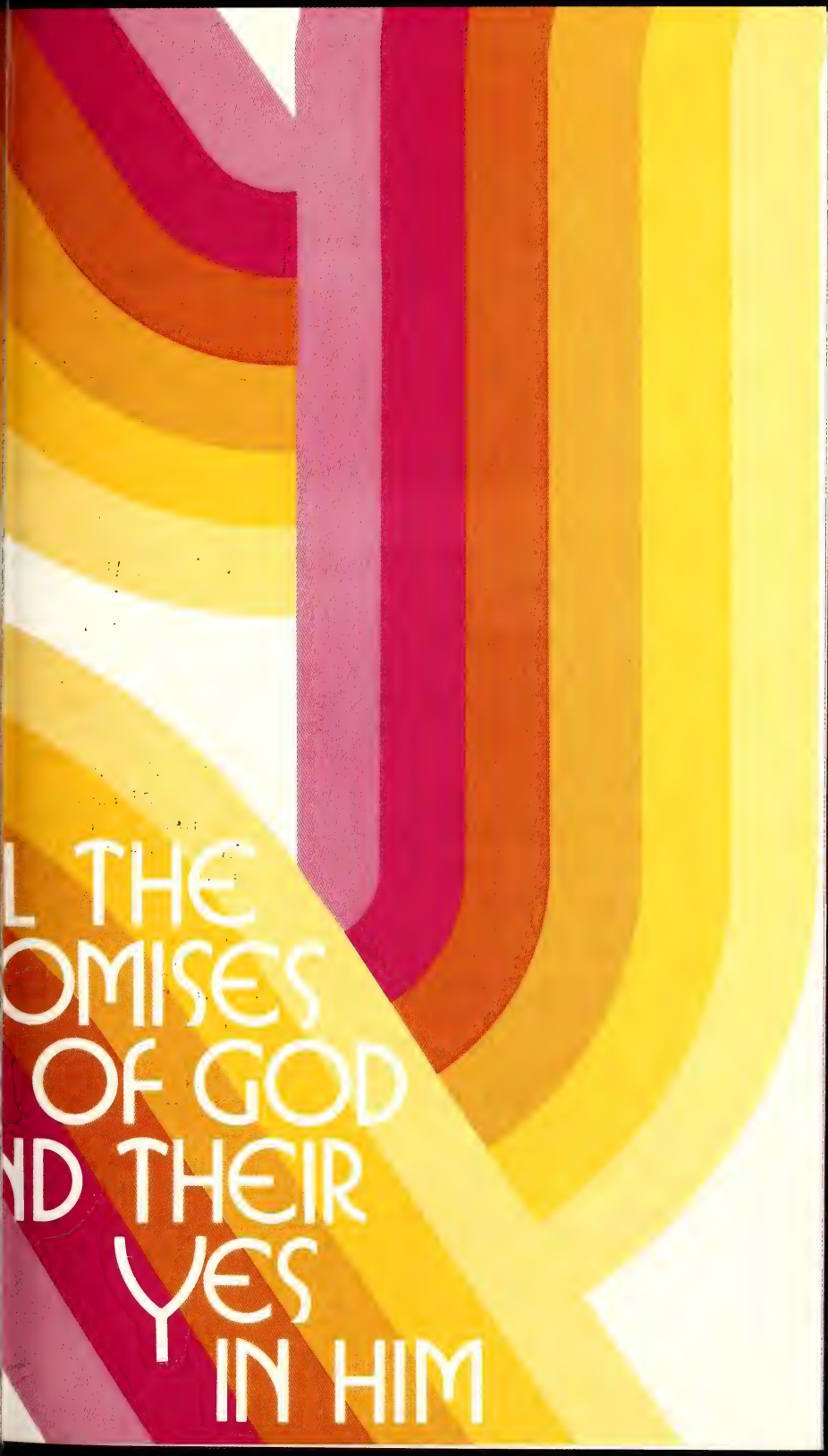
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February 18, 1979 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE We Worship, Praise, and Sing Nevin

PRAISE TO GOD
Choral Introit Our God, to Whom We Turn Bac
Call to Worship
* Hymn 3 "God Himself Is With Us"
* Prayer of Invocation (all uniting
God our Father, we pray now that you will accept our praise and thanksgiving. Bless to your glory and our growth in faith the worship we offer in the name of Christ. Amen.

THE LIVING WORD
New Testament Reading II Corinthians 1:8-2
Anthem Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether Friedel
New Testament Reading Mark 2:1-1
* The Gloria Patri

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory O God, We Ponder Thee Walthe
* Cong. Response We Give Thee But Thine Own
* Prayer of Dedication

THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome
* Hymn 238 "Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove"
Sermon Hinges of Faith

GOING OUT TO SERVE
* Hymn 372 "How Firm A Foundation"

Benediction
Congregational Response The Doxology

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CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting that you sign the guest register in the narthex. Greeters of the Day are Mr. Kenneth Clem and Mr. T. L. Smith.

HE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. George Noah in honor of the birthdays of their grandsons, Chad and Gregg Huffine.

ODAY:

2:00	Senior Hi Youth
3:30	Planning Committee
7:00	Outreach Committee
7:30	Board of Deacons

HE FUN CLUB meets Tuesday morning at 10:00 for a program on "The Treasures of Tutankhamun". Refreshments will be served.

HE ANNUAL Blue and Gold Banquet of Cub Pack 51 will be held Thursday evening in the Parish House.

OSPITALIZED: Elsia Bryant at Memorial.

AMILY NIGHT for February is next Sunday evening at 7:30. The Senior Hi Youth will show a "family-type"film entitled "At War With The Army" featuring Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis. Tickets may be secured from any of the youth or Mr. LoCicero.

NNUAL REPORTS and the 1979 Membership Directory are available in the narthex.

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 18, 1979

2 CORINTHIANS 1:18-22

Promises: life runs on them! A mother walks her baby through a sleepless night, upheld by a belief that this is a "promising" child. Parents pay steep college costs, intending thereby to unlock for their offspring a life of "promise." At weddings, clergy ask, "Do you promise?" and hear, "I do." Banks lend money on "promissory" notes; stores trust goods to customers on their "promise" to pay for them later. Joining a church, you "promise" to be faithful to it. And at the core of Christian faith are "promises." Our faith focuses on Jesus because, in him, God's promises have come to their full Yes and Amen.

EDUCATION IN BOTSWANA

Jack and Christine Purves serve as missionaries of the United Church Board for World Ministries in Maun, Botswana, a young nation in southern Africa. Jack is headmaster and Christine teaches music in the Maun Secondary School, an ecumenical boarding school in the Ngamiland District. The school follows the British model and uses English, the second language of its 500 students, for instruction.

The day at Maun starts at 6 A.M. with tea, and by 8:30 A.M. the students have attended two classes and are ready for breakfast. These early morning classes include agriculture, in which students sow, weed, and harvest a huge garden; and geography, in which they may go off to the nearby river for map-making. The religion class may dramatize the capture of Jericho or build an "ark" covered by African cloth. By 1:40 P.M. all classes are complete and lunch is served. In the late afternoon and early evening there are study periods, and then bedtime.

Sharing the Christian life with their students and working toward development of an education that serves their special needs and uses well-trained Botswanian teachers are the goals of Jack and Christine Purves. Through your support of *Our Christian World Mission,* you are helping.

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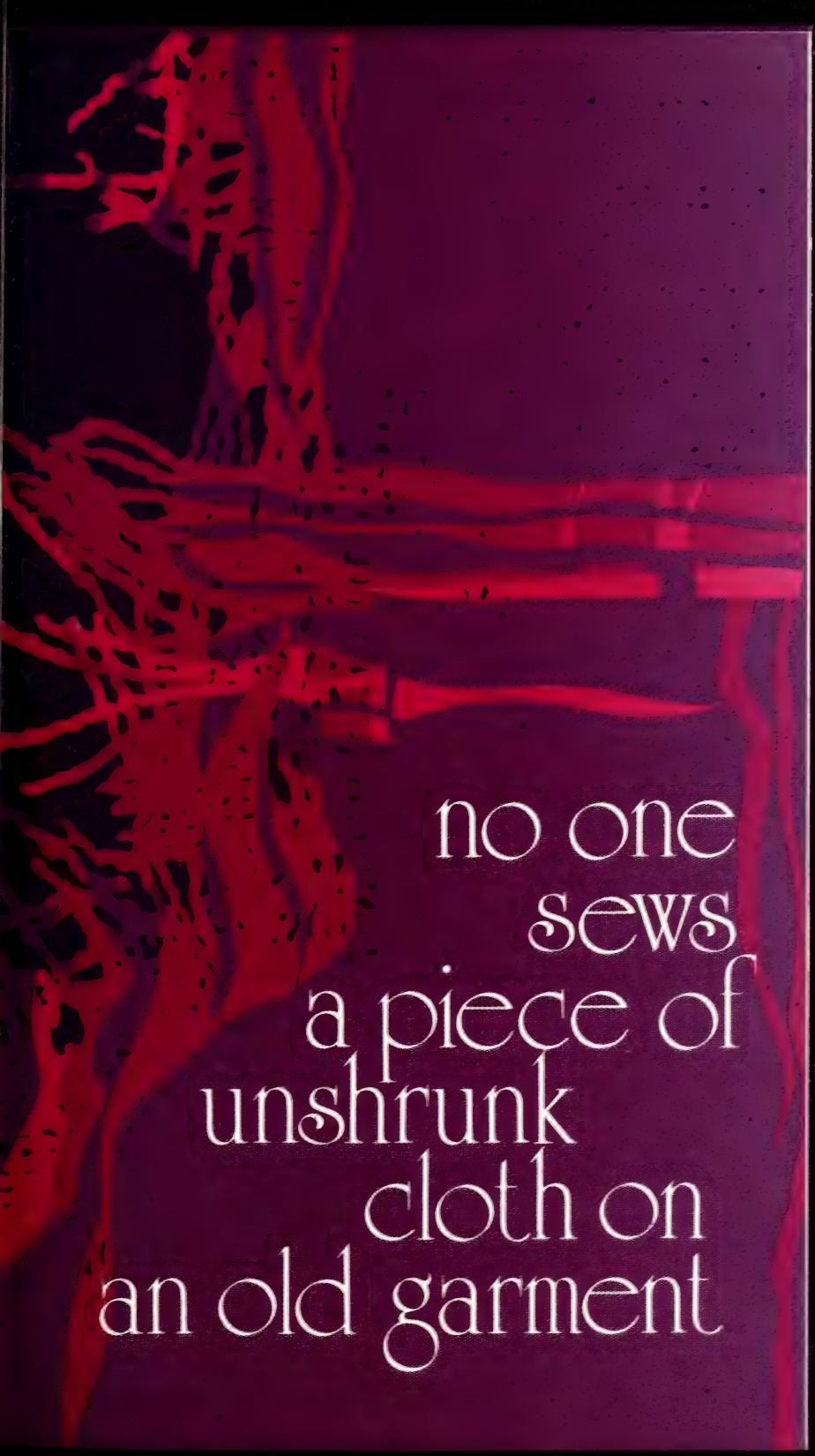
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ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
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Elon College, North Carolina

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Mrs. Mary Alice Bragg, Director of Music
Mark Ellis and Jeff Price, Acolytes

February 25, 1979 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE We Worship, Praise, and Sing Nevin

PRAISE TO GOD
Choral Introit Our God, to Whom We Turn Bac
Call to Worship
* Hymn 150 "O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High
* Prayer of Invocation (all uniting
Restore to us, our Father an undergirding purpose, a guiding meaning, the sense of your presence and love, and the pursuit of worth in the spirit of Christ. Amen.

THE LIVING WORD
Old Testament Reading Psalm 18:13-1
Anthem Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether Friedel
New Testament Reading Ephesians 3:14-2
* The Gloria Patri

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory O God, We Ponder Thee Walthe
* Cong. Response We Give Thee But Thine Own
* Prayer of Dedication

THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome
* Hymn 161 "Before the Cross of Jesus"
Sermon Life's Dimensions

GOING OUT TO SERVE
* Hymn 372 "How Firm A Foundation"

Benediction
Congregational Response The Doxology

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Yarbrough in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Long.

TODAY:	3:30	Planning Committee
	6:30	Board of Deacons
	7:00	Community Service Committee
	7:30	Family Night

FAMILY NIGHT will feature a full-length film "At War With the Army". The Senior Hi Youth have planned this evening for the whole family. The film will be shown in the Parish House at 7:30. Tickets may be secured through the Youth or purchased at the door.

THE NOONTIME LENTEN STUDIES begin this Wednesday. Please bring a sandwich or whatever; beverage and dessert will be provided. We will begin at 12:00 and adjourn by 1:00 p.m. The study on "The Spirit of the Lord" will be presented by the Pastor. These studies will continue on the Wednesdays of Lent.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE will be held Friday, March 2, at 10:30 a.m. at Front Street United Methodist Church.

THE NARTHEX TABLE contains Daily Devotionals, Annual Reports, and Membership Directories.

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 25, 1979

MARK 2:18-22

Reports of dramatic "conversions" to the Christian way compel one to ask if the experience claimed is genuine. Jesus reminds us that to patch an old garment with undressed fabric means that when the mended cloth gets wet, it will shrink, tear the old fabric, and the garment will come apart. New cloth must be fashioned into a new garment. When we are authentically joined to Christ, we are new persons—persons made new by the power of God. That means a dramatic turnaround in what we value, serve, and love, the way we seek and use power, the way we act for others. It revolutionizes the whole way we occupy the world.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

On Friday, March 2, communities in 140 countries and 33 islands around the world will come together to celebrate World Day of Prayer on the theme "Spiritual Growth." Participants in the Pan-African Leadership Course at the Mindolo Ecumenical Center in Kitwe, Zambia, wrote this year's service, emphasizing the need for growth in knowledge, faith, hope, and love.

The World Day of Prayer celebration is intended to enable us to reflect on what we can do as children of God—empowered by the Holy Spirit—to love one another and to help each other. Church Women United is the official sponsor of World Day of Prayer in the United States.

The writers of the service send this message to all who pray together on March 2: "Our warm greetings to all the Christians around the world who are coming together from different places for the World Day of Prayer, 1979. We hope that the voices of women at the Pan-African leadership course in Mindolo can be heard in solidarity with the voices of women throughout the world as we pray together."

Cathie Lawrence
Church Women United
New York, New York

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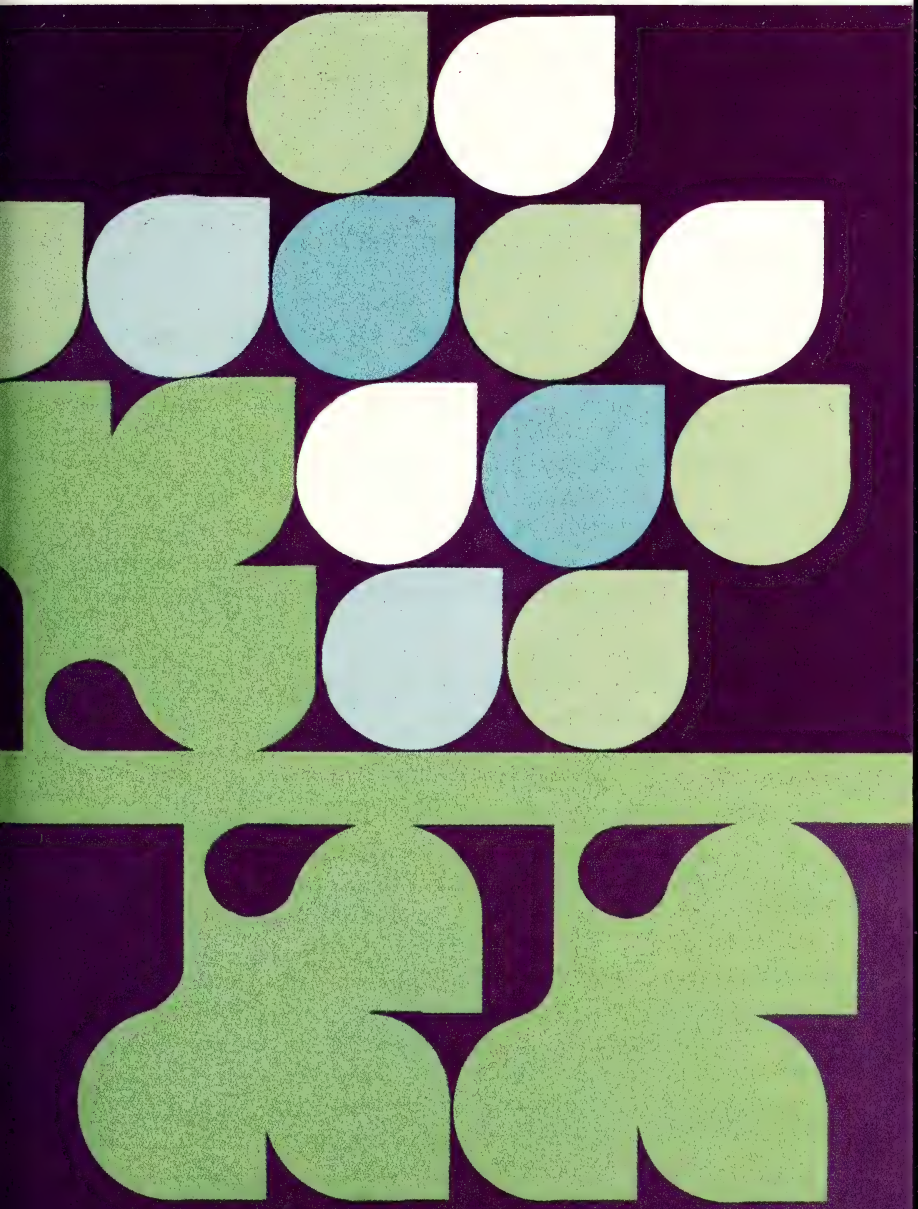

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Andre Wilkins and Dan Hamilton, Acolytes

March 4, 1979 First Sunday in Lent 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE My Heart Ever Faithful Bach

PRAISE TO GOD
Choral Introit Our God, to Whom We Turn Bach
Call to Worship
* Hymn 150 "O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High"
* Prayer of Invocation (all uniting)
Grant unto us, our Father, in the midst of the trials and opportunities of this day, the strength to run, to walk, and to stand steadfast, which comes to those who quietly and serenely wait upon you. Amen.

THE LIVING WORD
Old Testament Reading Psalm 139:1-18,23,24
Anthem How Long Wilt Thou Forget Me? Young
New Testament Readings Luke 6:43-45; Revelation 3:14-20
* The Gloria Patri

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Sicilienne Bach
* Cong. Response We Give Thee But Thine Own
* Prayer of Dedication

THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome
* Hymn 156 "Draw Nigh to thy Jerusalem"
Sermon Dimensions of Growth in the Christian Faith and Life: Depth

ING OUT TO SERVE
Hymn 153 "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"
Benediction
Congregational Response The Doxology

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E ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Wells.

DAY: 3-5 Open House at Western Middle School
6:30 Senior Hi Youth
7:30 Board of Deacons

E CONGREGATION is invited to attend the Founder's Day Program at Elon College Wednesday morning at 10:30.

E NOONTIME LENTEN STUDIES continue each Wednesday. Bring a sandwich; dessert and beverage will be provided. The study on "Recovery of Sight" based on Isaiah 61 will be led by Dr. Alfred Hurst.

E BLOODMOBILE meets in the Parish House on Thursday from 11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

RL SCOUT TROOP 136, sponsored by our church, will worship with us next Sunday.

SPITALIZED: Mrs. Elsia Bryant at Memorial.

HS: March 25, 1979

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 4, 1979

MARK 1:12-15

"Turn, turn, turn." The folk song conveys the Lenten call to "repent," to "turn around." That is an imperative in Christian life, although the thought of it is not always palatable. We misread penitence as a hair shirt on the soul or a vaguely bad feeling about ourselves and the world. Jesus' call means more than that. To repent is to reorient life to God's reign, to turn the world toward peace, toward a more humane society, toward justice and mercy for the weak, the hungry, and the poor. To repent is to set our lives toward God, who patiently waits with renewing forgiveness and steadfast love for our *re*-turn.

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Today is the first Sunday in Lent. And what is Lent all about? Well, it's about the life and ministry of Jesus Christ, from his baptism to his death and burial. As the Christian church orders its worship thematically over a year, it gives a large emphasis to the eternal Son of God, Jesus Christ, the second person of the Godhead. This emphasis begins with Advent (the coming of the promised Messiah), to Christmas (the birth of Jesus), to Epiphany (the visit of the Wise Men) and then to Lent.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and goes up to Easter. Lent has traditionally been a time of spiritual discipline and fasting because Jesus began his ministry by spending forty days in the wilderness fasting, praying, and undergoing temptations. Our lectionary reading from the gospel today begins at this point (Mark 1:12-15).

As you ponder the meaning of Jesus' temptations, reflect on how meaningful this is for us in light of the words in Hebrews 4:15-16:

> "For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sinning. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

Praise God!

Robert Henderson
Staff Associate
General Assembly Mission Board
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.

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Mrs. Mary Alice Bragg, Director of Music
Bert Barbee and Alan Young, Acolytes

March 11, 1979 Second Sunday in Lent 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Royal Banners Forward Go Van Hulse

PRAISE TO GOD
Choral Introit Through All the Changing Scenes
Call to Worship
* Hymn 433 "God of Our Fathers"
* Salute to the Colors
The Christian Flag: Mr. Hamilton
I pledge allegiance to the Christian Flag and to the Savior for whose Kingdom it stands, one brotherhood uniting humankind in service and love.
The American Flag: Mrs. Mann
I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

THE LIVING WORD
Old Testament Readings Psalms 121, 125: 1,2 Mrs. Mann
Anthem Blessed Jesus - from The Requiem Faure
(Mary Anne Johnston, Soprano)
Scripture Readings Isaiah 6:1-8; Mark 9:2-8
* The Gloria Patri

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Psalm 84: Cantique de Jean Racine
(Paulette Glenn, Accompanist) Faure

GIRL SCOUTS

GIRL SCOUT TROOP 136

Karla Allen
Teresa Ashley
Hunaida Babaa
Andrea Barker
Jennifer Blake
Candy Bryant
Cindy Carden
Beth Church
Suzanne Clegg
Lisa Gully
Margaret Hatcher
Laura Holly
Annette King
Jennifer Flora
Terry McLean
Angie Mann
Suzie Mann
Renee Martines
Andrea Moore
Paige Shoffner
Jodie Spoon
Tammy Stutts
Laurie Sullivan
Wendy Walker
Cindy Wall
Kim Wiley
Sharon Williams
Jane Young

TROOP COMMITTEE

Mrs. Jane Spoon
Mrs. Karen Carden
Mrs. Carol Sullivan

TROOP LEADERS

Mrs. Earline Mann
Mrs. Edna Martines
Mrs. Barbara Greeson
Ms. Jean Dalmas

Troop 136 meets each Monday evening at seven o'clock in the intermediate classroom. They are currently engaged in the annual sale of Girl Scout cookies as the primary fundraising project of the year. Our troop is also providing leadership for the "Festival to Find the Gift in Every Child", sponsored by Alamance County Girl Scouts. This festival is an outgrowth of the International Year of the Child. It will be held March 17 from 1-4 p.m. at the First Christian Church (UCC) and is for both boys and girls of ages 6 to 12.

The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts
SPOKEN WORD
Welcome
Recognition of Girl Scout Troop 136
Hymn 352 "Lift Up Your Hearts"
Sermon Dimensions of Growth in the Christian Faith and Life: Height
NG OUT TO SERVE
Hymn 490 "Now in the Days of Youth"
Benediction
Congregational Response The Doxology

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth N. May and Mrs. Lois Bost by Miss Nannie D. Reitzel.

AY:
1:00 Senior Hi Youth
2:00 Planning Committee
7:00 Worship Committee
7:00 Music Committee
7:00 Outreach Committee
7:00 Christian Education Committee

NOONTIME LENTEN STUDIES continue each Wednesday. Bring a sandwich; dessert and beverage will be provided. The study on "Bind Up the Brokenhearted", based on Isaiah 61 will be led by Dr. W. W. Snyder.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP is inviting the whole congregation to join in on their March Quarterly Meeting. The date has been changed from March 12 to March 19. This meeting will be a family night covered dish supper, to be held in the Parish House at 6:30 p.m.

ER: Articles for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning... The Thrift Shop will be open Saturday morning... OGHS Sunday is March 25.

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 11, 1979

MARK 9:1-9

In Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar,* Antonius asks compatriots to "lend me your ears." That prompts the query: Who has *your* ear? Many people want it. Politicians seek your vote. Propagandizers covet your advocacy. Advertisers solicit your trade. Special interests are out to get your support—or at least your neutrality. Since most listening is selective, it takes skill to sort out the incessant claims on your hearing. Listen to Jesus. He can enable you to gain perspective on life, true values, worthwhile goals, power to discern deceit and truth, criteria for saying No or Yes to all those who clamor for your ear.

MOVING FORWARD

Each year the number of congregations relating to the United Church of Christ has gone down. Smaller, weaker congregations sometimes close or merge with other congregations nearby. Occasionally congregations decide to remove themselves from our fellowship. There was once a time, too, when some felt that there were more important things for the church to do than to establish new congregations. New church starts have not equaled losses. So on balance, we have lost.

Last year, however, our twenty-first as the United Church of Christ, the Board for Homeland Ministries and the conferences, together, began twenty-one new church starts. And the UCBHM and the conferences plan to establish at least that number again this year, too.

From New England to the West Coast, these new congregations bring the distinctive work and witness of the United Church of Christ to new and growing communities. Special attention is being paid to the need for new churches (1) in the Southern Rim of the United States, where population has been growing in recent years, and (2) among ethnic and minority groups, where the opportunity for establishing new congregations exists.

Today, the United Church of Christ is moving steadily forward, and in that we can all rejoice!

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PREACH

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Jeff Price and Chris Vickers, Acolytes

March 18, 1979 Third Sunday in Lent 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Day of Wrath, Day of Mourning Van Huls

PRAISE TO GOD

Choral Introit Our God, to Whom We Turn Bac

Call to Worship

* Hymn 35 "When Morning Gilds the Skies" (St.1-4

* Prayer of Invocation (all uniting

Deliver us, our Father, from the mere speaking of pious phrases. Guide us into the practice of Christian love wherever our lives touch the lives of others each day. Amen.

THE LIVING WORD

Old Testament Reading Deuteronomy 5:12-21,32,3

Anthem Praise the Lord, His Glories Show Williams-Pos

New Testament Reading Ephesians 4:17-5:

* The Gloria Patri

THE WORD OF PRAYER

The Silent Prayers of the People

The Pastor's Prayer for the People

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING

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* Cong. Response We Give Thee But Thine Own

* Prayer of Dedication

THE SPOKEN WORD

Welcome

* Hymn 421 "We Thank Thee, Lord"

Sermon Dimensions of Growth in the Christian Faith and Life: Breadth

ONE WORLD ONE FAMILY

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

ieba was tired that night. It was during the height f the six-month dry season in the Chereponi dis- ict of northern Ghana. She had walked most of e day to fetch water from a dirty pool several iles from her village. After supper that night, she ent to her husband, Kofi, and said: "I have heard at there are some churchworkers in Chereponi ho help people to dig wells in villages. I am so red of walking in the hot sun to fetch water. ould you go to Chereponi to talk to the church- orkers there about helping us to get a well?"

he next day was market day in Chereponi, so Kofi ot on his bicycle and rode in to see Bob Thelin, a issionary of our United Church Board for World inistries. After exchanging greetings, Kofi explained at he had come to ask for help in digging a well.

ob Thelin outlined how this could be done. He xplained that the church is willing to help, but that e church also wants the people to participate in eir own projects so that they may become self- liant. He then asked Kofi to gather the village ders together and raise the money to dig the well.

hree weeks later Kofi was back with the money, nd Bob and his Ghanaian co-worker, who is a spe- alist in the digging of wells, selected a site and in-

ONE WORLD ONE FAMILY

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

structed the villagers how to dig the hole with hand tools. They asked the villagers to let them know when they had struck hard rock, for although in this district water lies close to the surface, Bob knew that explosives would be needed to get through the rock before the water could be reached.

Two months later the villagers had their well, twenty six feet deep, encased with concrete to keep the wate clean. The well provided enough water for the domes tic needs of the entire village of two hundred an fifty people.

Tieba now walks the short distance from her house t the well, carrying a water pot on her head. She fetche the clear water with bucket and rope. She walks bac to the house to prepare the evening meal, and there i a smile on her face!

Your gifts through the annual "One Great Hour c Sharing" offering put that smile there. Through OGH you made it possible for Bob Thelin and his Ghanaia co-workers to provide these villages with a consta source of fresh water.

Give to "One Great Hour of Sharing" to make th kind of a miracle happen wherever water is neede to serve the needs of people. We *are* one world, v *are* one family. Let us make it ONE GREAT HOU OF SHARING.

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ING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn 150 "O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High" (St. 1-4)

Benediction

Congregational Response The Doxology

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E ALTAR ARRANGEMENT is given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Smith.

DAY: 4:00 Executive Bd. of Women's Fellowship
6:30 Senior Hi Youth
7:00 Board of Trustees

MILY NIGHT is tomorrow evening at 6:30 and is sponsored by the Women's Fellowship. Bring a covered dish. Following the meal the children will view a film and others will get to hear Dr. Creighton Lacy of Duke Divinity School and former missionary to China.

E FUN CLUB meets Tuesday morning at 10:00 for a program on King Tut. Refreshments will be served.

E NOONTIME LENTEN STUDIES continue each Wednesday. Bring a sandwich; beverage and dessert will be provided. The study on "Release to the Captives" will be led by Dr. James Overton.

CAR WASH will be sponsored by the Senior Hi Youth on Saturday. Come to the church parking lot.

EASE NOTE the bulletin insert on One Great Hour of haring. This offering will be received today and ext Sunday.

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 18, 1979

I CORINTHIANS 1:22-25

A Christian missioner in India tells of a man, once hostile to the Christian faith, who became a convert to it. He got a Bible and began to read. When he came upon a passage that spoke to his heart the good news of God's love and deliverance, he would put his finger in the place, rush out into the road, stop passers-by, and cry out, "Have you heard about this?" That is what it is to preach! It is to *tell, do,* and *be* God's good news in a world that reels from the blows of bad news and yearns to know in what or whom we can truly hope. It is to herald a Wisdom beyond worldly wisdom, a Power beyond human might.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

The annual One Great Hour of Sharing will be observed next Sunday in many congregations across the United States. This ecumenical effort will enable the United Church of Christ (through the Service Division of our Board for World Ministries) to join with more than nineteen other denominations in supporting the worldwide work of Church World Service, the service arm of the National Council of Churches. In the U.C.C. the One Great Hour of Sharing also underwrites our own denominational program of world service.

OGHS supports disaster relief, service to refugees, overseas social services and development projects. What we share with others is at once the fruit of our harvest and the wherewithal to help those in need to develop their own harvests. And it is more, the sharing of hope in the future—that human want and misery shall not have the last say for even the most downtrodden of the earth.

Harvest, then, and hope are that which you share when you give to the One Great Hour of Sharing. Give generously for you have been blessed with abundance far beyond that of many inhabitants of this earth!

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March 25, 1979 Fourth Sunday in Lent 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Christ, To Thee Be Glory Nevir

PRAISE TO GOD
Choral Introit If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee
Call to Worship
* Hymn 15 "Praise To The Lord, the Almighty"
* Prayer of Invocation
We give thanks, our Father, that every day, even this day, gives us a new opportunity for knowing you better, for experiencing your grace, and for growing in our Christian commitment. Amen.

THE LIVING WORD
Old Testament Reading Genesis 19:15-2
Anthem O Sacred Head, Now Wounded Passion Chora
New Testament Readings Luke 9:51-62
Ephesians 2:1-1
* The Gloria Patri

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory When in the Hour of Deepest Need Ba
* Cong. Response We Give Thee But Thine Own
* Prayer of Dedication

THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome
* Hymn 97 "God of our Life"
Sermon Dimensions of Growth in the Christian Faith and Life: Direction

"Forward Through the Ages"

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HOW CAN THE MONEY DO SO MUCH?

Our "One Great Hour of Sharing" dollars support the relief ar development work carried on in scores of countries by Churc World Service and the Commission on Inter-Church Aid. Throug the network provided by these worldwide church agencies we ca purchase supplies with the money you contribute, we can recei your material aid, and we can distribute them through th *churches* themselves. That's why our money can do so mucl Just as you contribute time and talent in your local church ar ommunity, so do church members in countries and communiti round the world. Together we work to serve those who are th ctims of war or disaster, hunger or poverty. We *are* one worl *are* one family. Let us make it "One Great Hour of Sharing

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Hymn 383 "Forward Through the Ages"

Benediction

Congregational Response The Doxology

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ODAY:	2:00	Planning Committee
	6:30	Senior Hi Youth
	7:00	Christian Education Committee
	7:00	Community Service Committee

HE SPECIAL OFFERING for the One Great Hour of Sharing is received today. Your contributions are a part of the $2,000,000 goal by the United Church of Christ. Envelopes are available in the narthex.

HE NOONTIME LENTEN STUDIES continue each Wednesday. Bring a sandwich; beverage and dessert will be provided. The study on "Good News to the Poor" will be led by Dr. Sloan.

HE CERAMICS CLASSES meet on Monday and Tuesday evenings at 7:00.

OSPITALIZED: Mrs. Ruth Jordan at Memorial.

RTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 25, 1979

EPHESIANS 2:1-10

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ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING: ONE WORLD, ONE FAMILY

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Some members of our world family are hungry. Others suffer injustice. Some are refugees—driven away from their homes by war or oppression. Others have lost their homes and livelihoods through natural disasters. Some with real leadership ability have no chance for an education.

The One Great Hour of Sharing all-church offering gives to those of us who live in security and plenty an opportunity to give a helping hand to others who are stumbling from the fatigue of malnutrition or despair. It gives us a chance to bring a spark of hope and laughter to dull eyes.

Won't you reach out with your dollars to help your world family?

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Director
Week of Compassion
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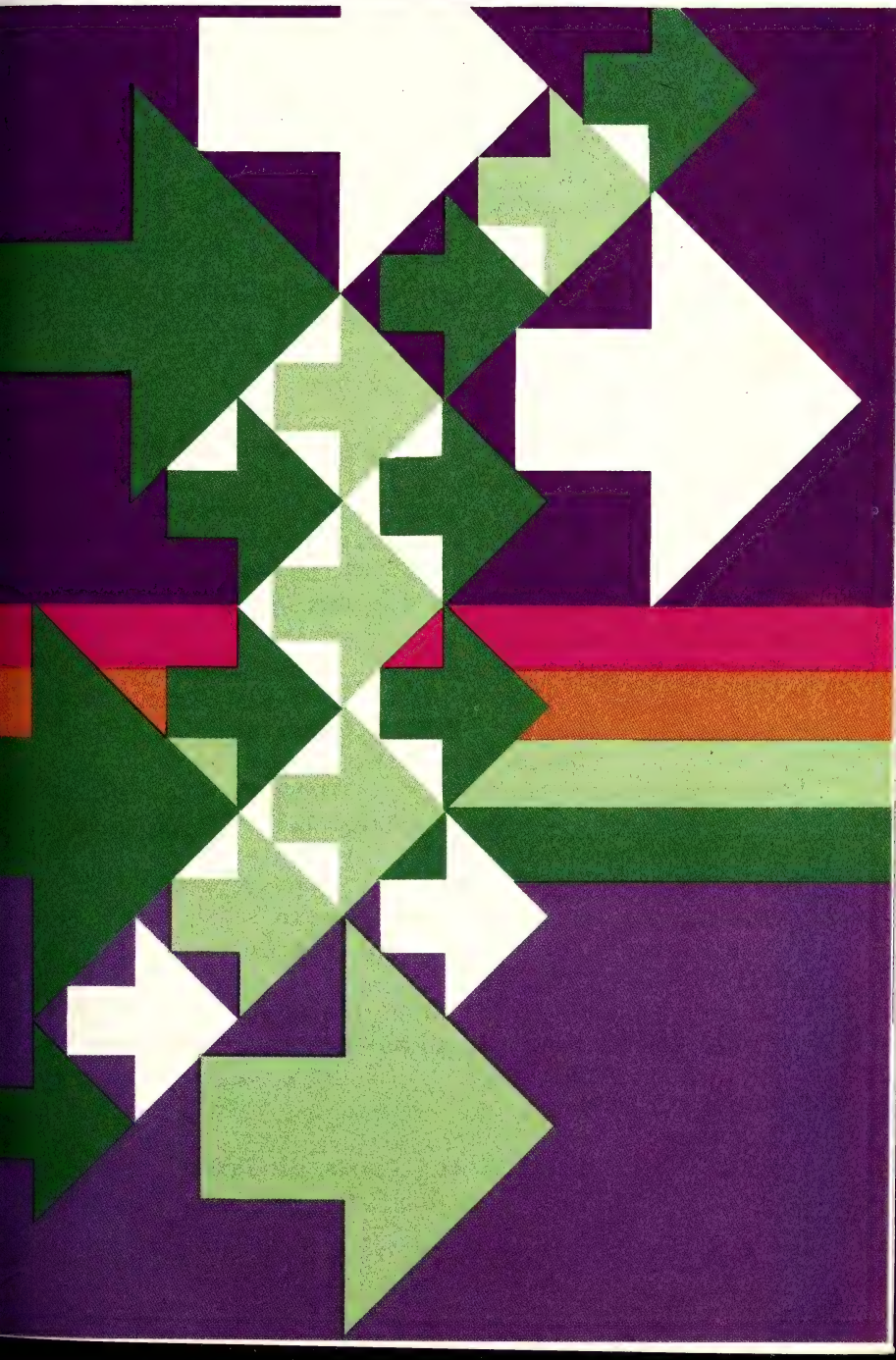

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ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
United Church of Christ
Elon College, North Carolina

Thomas R. Hamilton, Pastor Phone: 584-039

Mrs. Mary Alice Bragg, Director of Music
Gray Lackey and Dan Hamilton, Acolytes

April 1, 1979 Fifth Sunday in Lent 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE O World, I Now Must Leave Thee Brahms

PRAISE TO GOD
Choral Introit Day By Day Friedell
Call to Worship
* Hymn 68 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"
* Prayer of Invocation
God our Father, grant us the serenity to accept the things we cannot change, the courage to change the things we can, and the wisdom to know the difference. Amen.

THE LIVING WORD
Old Testament Readings Jeremiah 10:11-18
Isaiah 40:28-
Solo: Let the Bright Seraphim Handel
(Denise Pleasant, Soprano)
New Testament Readings Hebrews 11:1-10, 12:1-
Philippians 4:11-13; Galatians 2:
* The Gloria Patri

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Anthem When Jesus Wept Billing
* Cong. Response We Give Thee But Thine Own
* Prayer of Dedication

THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome
* Hymn 160 Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

Sermon Dimensions of Growth in the Christian Faith and Life: Power

)ING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn 77 "Be Still, My Soul"

Benediction

Congregational Response The Doxology

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IE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in honor of the eighty-eighth birthday of Mrs. Oma U. Johnson on April 10.

)DAY:

6:00 Worship Committee
6:30 Senior Hi Youth
7:30 Board of Deacons

:RCLES of the Women's Fellowship meet this week as announced in "The Torch".

IE NOONTIME LENTEN STUDIES continue this Wednesday. Bring a sandwich; beverage and dessert will be provided. The study on "The Acceptable Year" will be led by the Reverand Richard Rinker.

UNDY THURSDAY will be recognized with a celebration of Holy Communion on April 12. Dr. Clyde L. Fields will be preaching.

VELOPES are available in the narthex for contribution to the One Great Hour of Sharing.

E THRIFT SHOP will be open to the public on Saturday, April 7, from 10:30 a.m. until noon.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

APRIL 1, 1979

JOHN 12:20-33

A strange reversal in the Christian religion is what we expect to happen when we follow Jesus. For millions of people in the church today, to follow Jesus is to gain community respect, enjoy the comfort of a friendly church, and bask in the reassuring security of "cheap grace." We have not learned this from Christ. Follow me, said Jesus, if you can accept the rigors of servanthood, the surrender of fixation on yourself, the risk of unpopularity and hardship, and the possibility of a martyr's death. The disciple is not above the master, nor is the follower above the one she or he follows. "Where I am, *there* shall my servant be."

AMY CARTER'S MOTHER

When Mrs. Carter signed the guest register at the large prison in the Philippines where political prisoners are held, she was asked to give the birthplace of her husband (Atlanta, Georgia), and her children's names (Amy and Ken). The guard quickly read the information, then rushed upstairs. A few moments later, Mrs. Carter was most hospitably received. Authorities, however, had misidentified her as the wife of the President of the United States!

Like those "other" Carters, Aiko Carter and her husband Tony, both of whom serve as missionaries of the United Church Board for World Ministries, are very concerned about the issue of human rights. Aiko, who writes for *Japan-Christian Activity,* a publication of the Japanese National Council of Christian Churches, reports that in the Philippines, martial law, which has been in effect since 1972, has resulted in many concerned persons, ministers and priests among them, being held in prison with no official charges being brought against them. She quotes from one who is allowed to write poetry in his imprisonment, words that are a challenge to us all, "Love is like a basket of bread and fishes. It is never enough until you begin to share it."

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REJOICE

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Mrs. Mary Anne Johnston, Director of Youth Choir
Chris Vickers and Charles Wilkins, Acolytes

April 8, 1979 Palm Sunday 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Triumphal Song Nevin

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
* Processional 155 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"
* Prayer of Invocation (all uniting
God our Father, we pray for your guidance in the decisions we make this day. Enable us to choose wisely and to live courageously. Then may our work and worship be blessed. Amen.

THE LIVING WORD Mr. Clap
Old Testament Readings Deuteronomy 30:11-20
Joshua 24:14,1
Anthem Crown Him King of Kings J.S. Bac
New Testament Readings Matthew 21:1-11; 27:15-2
* The Gloria Patri

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Anthem I Give Thee Thanks Youth Choi
* Cong. Response We Give Thee But Thine Own
* Prayer of Dedication

THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome
* Hymn 153 "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days'
Sermon Dimensions of Growth in the Christian Faith and Life: Decision

GOING OUT TO SERVE
* Hymn 175 "Ride on, Ride on in Majesty"

Benediction
Congregational Response The Doxology

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IE ALTAR ARRANGEMENT OF PALMS is given to the Glory of God in memory of Reverend John R. Kittenger and Patricia Kittenger by the Family. Following the Service, the palm branches will be distributed in the narthex.

JR LITURGIST of the Day is the Reverend Kenneth W. Clapp who is the newly-appointed Executive Director of the Blowing Rock Assembly Grounds.

DAY:

2:00 Planning Committee
7:00 Board of Trustees
8:00 Organ Recital in Whitley

E ORGAN RECITAL this evening is presented by Professor Richard Apperson in memory of Reverend John S. Graves, former professor and chaplain of Elon College. The community is invited.

E SERVICE of Table Communion will be celebrated here on Maundy Thursday evening at 7:30. Dr. Clyde L. Fields will provide the meditation.

SPITALIZED: Mr. Lewis Drumm at Duke.

HER: Statements of first-quarter contributions are available in the narthex... Articles for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning... Please submit your reservation for the Easter breakfast.

PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 8, 1979

MARK 11:1-11

REJOICE!

Joy—a singular, remarkable, and exquisite joy—is at the very heart of the Judeo-Christian story and at the center of the faithful life. At times this joy simply cannot be contained. It bursts forth: "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!" Just as often it emerges quietly as a vital wellspring that provides sustenance and vision in times of desolation, persecution and confusion.

But whatever its manifestation, joy is a strange blend of satisfaction and anticipation, a gracious gift, the realization of fondest hopes.

The story of Palm Sunday is a witness to this joy. It tells of a Messiah who encompassed and transcended the expectations of the people. And it acquaints us with persons who, in spite of discouragement and the burdens of daily cares, saw God breaking into their midst doing something very new.

See the ways in which the promises are still being fulfilled and transformed among us. Look for the presence of the living God in both the predicted and the unexpected places, to make in our lives and in our world a royal path for the One Who Comes! Rejoice!

Karen Smith Sellers
Director of Student Services
and Instructor in Ministry Studies
United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities

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WHO IS
& WHO WAS
& WHO IS TO COME

All: Forgive us, Lord, and love us. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS Exodus 12:1-13
Mark 14:17-25

MESSAGE As We Approach the Lord's Supper Dr. Fields

THE TABLE COMMUNION
The Consecration of Elements
The Communion (Participants may come forward individually for private communion. After communing, please return to a pew for private meditation until all have communed.)
The Thanksgiving

HYMN 172 "There is a Green Hill Far Away"

THE EVENING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING John 19:29,30
Sixth Word From the Cross: "It is Finished"
Choral Response Hymn 166, Part VI

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 23:46
Seventh Word From the Cross: "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit."
Choral Response Hymn 166, Part VII

BENEDICTION

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE
April 12, 1979
Thomas R. Hamilton, Pastor

PRELUDE

HYMN 157 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

LITANY FOR HOLY WEEK

Pastor: Our hearts are heavy as we worship the crucified Lord.
People: He died for our sins.

Pastor: We watch with horror as we anticipate his death on the cross.
People: He died for our sins.

Pastor: We see the evil in the world around him.
People: He died for our sins.

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 23:32-34
First Word From the Cross "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do."
Choral Response Hymn 166, Part I

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 23:39-43
Second Word From the Cross: "Today shalt thou be with me in Paradise."
Choral Response Hymn 166, Part II

SCRIPTURE READING John 19:25-27
Third Word From the Cross: "Woman, behold thy son!" "Behold thy mother!"
Choral Response Hymn 166, Part III

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 27:45,46
Fourth Word From the Cross: "My God,

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Greg Price and Andre Wilkins, Acolytes

April 15, 1979 Easter Sunday 11:00 a.

PRELUDE Chime The Gladsome Day Hol

CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL 182 "Christ The Lord is Risen Toda

*INTROIT

Leader: The Day of Resurrection dawns again, renewing God's promise of the dawn of new life. Christ is risen!

People: God help us to rejoice and be glad, to fe the reality and wonder of the resurrectio Christ is risen indeed!

READING THE EASTER EVENT Matthew 27:57-61 Mr. F 28:1-10, 16-20

THE WORD OF PRAYER

The Pastoral Prayer

A Responsive Prayer for Easter (inse

THE SPOKEN WORD

Anthem Alleluia, Let the Gladsome Anthem R (Combined Choirs)

Welcome

* Hymn 150 "O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How Hi

Sermon Dimensions of Growth in the Christi Faith and Life: Length

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING

Offertory "Alleluia" W. A. Moz (Mary Anne Johnston, Soprano)

* Congregational Response "We Give Thee But Thine Ow

* Prayer of Dedication

GOING OUT TO SERVE

A RESPONSIVE PRAYER FOR EASTER

ASTOR: Come, Lord, minister to us as you did the disciples.

EOPLE: Roll back the rock from our tomb of despair.

ASTOR: As you called Mary by name that Easter morning.

EOPLE: Come and call us by name and give us new hope.

ASTOR: As you lifted the sadness from the hearts of those who were mourning,

EOPLE: so lift our spirits.

ASTOR: The world around us reminds us of your renewing power. That which seemed dead in the cold winter seems now to come alive again.

EOPLE: Let that remind us, Lord, that we can be renewed.

ASTOR: That which was dark and dull has color again.

EOPLE: Let that remind us of the beauty of spirit that can come to us when we grow in your love and goodness.

ASTOR: The lilies of the altar are like trumpets announcing your living power.

EOPLE: Let them remind us of the good news announced to us in the resurrection.

ASTOR: Lord, we are grateful for life

EOPLE: and for the promise of life to come.

ASTOR: We praise you for showing us the kind of love that never gives up, that hopes all things, that is eternal.

EOPLE: Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you forever. Amen.

Hymn 193 "Thine is the Glory"
Benediction
Choral Response Glory to God in the Highest

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HE LILIES ON THE ALTAR are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Lankford in honor of the wedding anniversary of their daughter and son-in-law, Frank and Jeanne Purdy.

THER LILIES are placed in the chancel in memory of Mr. Walter C. Perry, Jr. by the Family, and in honor of their mothers by Dr. and Mrs. Hamilton.

UR LITURGIST of the Day is the Reverend Mr. Buford V. Frye.

HE FUN CLUB will convene here Tuesday morning at 9:45 to go to visit the Reynolda House and Gardens in Winston Salem.

OSPITALIZED: Mr. Lewis Drumm at Duke.

LERGY RECOGNITION DAY will be celebrated here on April 29 to honor all the clergy-families of this congregation. That evening at 6:30 a covered-dish supper will be held in McEwen Dining Hall.

THER: Thanks to all who helped with the breakfast this morning... Happy Birthday to the Elon College Community Church on April 19... The church office will be closed tomorrow... Statements of first-quarter contributions are available in the narthex.

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 15, 1979

1 PETER 1:3-9

WHERE IS CHRIST TODAY?

Jesus never was where he was supposed to be! The wise men thought they would find him in Jerusalem, but he was in a stable in a small village. When he was twelve, his family expected him to go home with them, but he was still in the temple. During his ministry, Jesus was constantly with the poor and outcast, with "sinners" rather than saints. His disciples thought he was going to Jerusalem to sit upon a throne, but instead he hung upon a cross. After his burial, some women went to his tomb expecting to find his body. But he was not there. He had risen.

This does not mean that Jesus was capricious and undependable. He consistently refused to be bound by what others considered appropriate.

Today we have come to church expecting to find and to acknowledge the risen Christ. But if this is the only place in which we can do this, we have misunderstood him, just as the first disciples did. Jesus is also with us at our work, on the highways, and in our homes. Above all, he is present wherever persons hurt, "in haunts of wretchedness and need." If we would find and serve him, we must seek him there.

Herbert H. Lambert
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April 22, 1979 11:00 a.

COME, LET US WORSHIP

PERSONAL MEDITATION
"Unless I see... I will not believe," said Thomas
"Blessed are those who have not seen and yet
believe," said the Lord.

PRELUDE Voluntary in B^b Hay

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choral Introit Day By Day

PRAYER OF INVOCATION
The Lord's Prayer (all unitin

*HYMN 64 "All Creatures of Our God and King"

PREPARE TO WORSHIP

*CONFESSION OF SIN (all unitin
We are ever asking for more, Lord: more proof of
your goodness, more understanding of your mystery
We act as though we are in charge, as if you are
dependent on us. Forgive us and set us straight

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Gloria Pa

RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM SOLO Sheep and Lambs S. Hon
(Fredda F. Payne, Alto)

SCRIPTURE READINGS Isaiah 25:6-9; John 20: 1

Hymn 252 "O Word of God Incarnate"

SERMON Too Good Not To Be True

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — The Apostles' Creed, p. 511

THE MORNING PRAYERS

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS
Offertory — Christ, Be With Us — J. S.Bach
* Congregational Response — The Doxology
* Prayer of Dedication

GO FORTH FOR SERVICE

*HYMN 199 — "Crown Him With Many Crowns"

*CHARGE TO THE PEOPLE OF FAITH
* Benediction and Choral Response

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of George D. Colclough by Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Williams, Jr. and Mrs. George D. Colclough.

TODAY:
2:30 Planning Committee
6:30 Senior Hi Youth
7:00 Christian Education Committee

NEXT SUNDAY, we will celebrate Clergy Recognition Day with the celebration of Holy Communion in the morning and a 6:30 Family Night in the evening.

CONGRATULATIONS to Joseph K. Elmore and Karen M. White whose Service of Marriage is celebrated today in Charlotte, N. C.

OTHER: Mr. Lewis Drumm is a patient at Duke... Reservations for the Churchmen's Fellowship Dinner for Thursday evening are needed today... Articles for this week's "Extra" edition of "The Torch" are due tomorrow.

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SECOND SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE

APRIL 22, 1979

ACTS 4:32-35

There is a threat to our settled assumptions in the experience of the early church. The Spirit that had created them to be a community of power, made them people with "one heart and soul." So strong was their sense of shared identity, "they had everything in common." When need arose, those who had property sold it and distributed the money "to each as any had need." That picture is upsetting in a society that exalts competition, the private ownership of property, and the acquisition of wealth. What is the true function of community? Is it, in T.S. Eliot's words, "to make money from each other?" Or is it to nourish life?

UNITED MINISTRIES IN HIGHER EDUCATION ON LONG ISLAND

Question: How can two pastors minister to 135,000 college students on 21 campuses? Answer: By identifying specific student needs and concerns, and then generating inter-action between the students, the local churches, and the community.

On New York's Long Island, campus ministers Rev. Hugh Nevin and Rev. Tom Philipp see their role as assisting lay people in ministering to each other. The benefits are substantial. The traditional separation of "town and gown" is bridged in mutual Christian service. Local churches work with young people in solving social problems. Young people see the church in action, working to build a healthier, a more just, and a more humane society.

For many college students this may be a new vision of Christianity. United Ministries in Higher Education of Nassau and Suffolk Counties is operating programs of hunger education and action, teenage health and community service, and youth faith development. Every project is a joint effort of local congregations, community leaders, and college students.

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April 29, 1979 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Prelude and Fugue in a Minor Bac

*PROCESSIONAL 263 "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"

*CALL TO WORSHIP Dr. Hamilto
* Choral Introit Ancient of Days
*PRAYER OF INVOCATION The Rev. J. C. Dolla

UNISON READING (see insert) Dr. Clyde L. Field
(The Church Covenant as adopted by the congregatior
April 19, 1891).
SCRIPTURE READING John 21:15-25 Dr. W. W. Sloa

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PASTORAL PRAYER Dr. Alfred W. Hurs

THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS
Offertory Adagio for Keyboard Pachelbe
* Congregational Response The Doxolog
* Prayer of Dedication
SERMON A High Calling Dr. Lightbourn

THE SERVICE OF COMMUNION
The Invitation
Collect, P. 495 (all unitin
General Confession, p. 495 (all unitin
Assurance of Pardon
Words of Institution and Consecration
The Communion
* Thanksgiving

CHURCH COVENANT

Preamble

'e whose names are hereunto affixed, members as we :rust of the body of Christ having exercised repen-:ance towards God and faith towards our Lord Jesus :hrist, being desirous of associating ourselves :ogether as a Church, agree to be governed by the :ollowing principles:

.. The Lord Jesus Christ is the only Head of the Church.

2. Christian is a sufficient name for the Church.

3. The Holy Bible is a sufficient rule of faith and practice.

4. Christian character is a sufficent test of fellowship and of church membership.

5. The right of private judgment and the liberty of conscience is a right and privilege that should be accorded to and exercised by all.

6. The purposes of this Church will be consummated in the reformation of the world and the union of all Christians.

'urthermore we accept and adopt the following :hurch Covenant:

Covenant

'hankful for God's everlasting mercy and for his :reat gift of salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord,

we covenant and agree together to seek to know and to do his holy will and to promote, so far as in us lies the triumph of our Saviour's Kingdom over a wicked world. Heartily believing that the Holy Scriptures were given by inspiration of God and that they are profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction and for instruction in righteousness; and also that Christian freedom requires that we accept the Bible as our supreme standard of faith and duty and to recognize as Christians and worthy of our fellowship all who devoutly love the Lord Jesus Christ and sustain a life of vital piety as taught in the Word of God. Anxiously desiring that all differences which separate Christ's people may be removed and that there may be One Flock and One Shepherd, we covenant together to lay aside all distinctive and party names and taking our title from the Great Head of the Church to be known simply and only as Christians. And furthermore realizing that the success of each local church depends on the consecration of its individual membership we covenant together to attend the services of the church, to contribute according to our means for its support, to labor together to maintain its peace and harmony and so far as possible in every way to promote its temporal and spiritual welfare; looking for our reward to the peace of God which passeth all understanding and to the crown of rejoicing laid up for all who love Christ's appearing.

YMN 366 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

ENEDICTION Dr. Hamilton
Choral Response

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HE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph H. Oxford in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Lewis and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Oxford.

E ARE PLEASED to welcome to our pulpit today Dr. James H. Lightbourne, Conference Minister of the Southern Conference. Assisting as liturgists are the pastor and the other ordained ministers who are members of our congregation and who could make arrangements to be with us today. Others of our ministerial members are: Dr. William Elzey, the Rev. T. H. Mackintosh, Dr. James H. Overton, the Rev. Richard Rinker, Dr. W. W. Snyder, the Rev. Charles Terrell, and Chaplain John G. Truitt, Jr.

HE FAMILY NIGHT this evening will be a covered-dish supper to be held at McEwen Dining Hall at 6:30. The entire congregation is invited. We are honored that as a highlight of our "Clergy Recognition Day", Dr. Alfred W. Hurst is to be installed as Pastor Emeritus.

OSPITALIZED: Mr. Lewis Drumm at Duke; Mrs. Mae Jeffreys will enter County tomorrow.

THER: The May Fellowship Day luncheon will be held Friday at 12:00 at the First Presbyterian Church... Articles for "The Torch" are due tomorrow... The Elon College Choir will be with us next Sunday as a part of Alumni Weekend.

THIRD SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE

APRIL 29, 1979

I JOHN 2:1-6

How can we walk in the same way in which Jesus walked? We can:

- walk on solid ground, living as a human among real people, not flying away on a trip into the rarefied air of self-focused feeling.
- walk in modesty, like Jesus who lived simply, owned little, loved ordinary folk, befriended the poor, and died between two thieves.
- walk in a way of serving those we meet on the road: the sick, the hungry, the hurt, those who grieve, those who stray.
- walk in light, not superstition or doubt, and trusting God's presence and love, know joy and hope in life eternal at our road's end.

YOUR CONGREGATION AND THE CONSULTATION ON CHURCH UNION

To be a member of a church is to be a member of the Body of Christ. This is the conviction of the ten denominations participating in the Consultation on Church Union. At the suggestion of COCU each of these denominations has officially taken the step of affirming the Mutual Recognition of Members of the other nine denominations—a remarkable beginning step toward church union. It declares that in essence we are part of one church, and our goal must be to make visible that unity—a unity for which Jesus prayed (John 17).

This first step is only words—an "affirmation"—although they could be church-transforming words. Now we are called upon to study what this affirmation means and to build its meaning into the life and work of our churches. Think what it would mean if, as congregations and individual disciples, we took seriously the effort to examine our comity agreements with other churches, plan together for the celebration of the Sacraments, Confirmations, and Ordinations. We would then develop a common life, and a common mission to the community. We would soon find ourselves acting like one church, looking to the day when we would make our oneness visible to the world, "that the world may believe."

Rachel Henderlite
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May 6, 1979 11:00 a.m

COME, LET US WORSHIP

PERSONAL MEDITATION
"One has to become aware, conscious of another's true being, in order to love that person and not some image of one's own that one projects upon the other". - (Morton Kelsey)

PRELUDE Adagio from Concerto in a minor Bac

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choral Introit Christ is in our Midst Today

PRAYER OF INVOCATION
The Lord's Prayer (all uniting

*HYMN 15 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

PREPARE TO WORSHIP

*CONFESSION OF SIN (all uniting
Forgive us, our Father, for worship that waits for Sunday, that happens only in church, that remains a matter of words, that never gets us off our knees.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Gloria Patr

RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM Jesus, Friend of Sinners Grie

SCRIPTURE READINGS Ezekiel 3:11-15; John 13:31-3
Hymn 254 "Break Thou the Bread of Life"

SERMON I Sat Where They Sat

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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HE MORNING PRAYERS

RESENTATION OF GIFTS
Offertory Anthem Now Thank We All Our God Pachelbel
Congregational Response The Doxology
Prayer of Dedication

YMN 400 "More Love to Thee, O Christ"

HARGE TO THE PEOPLE OF FAITH
Benediction
Choral Response Amen. Go in Peace.

CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. You are greeted at the door by Dr. A. L. Hook and Dr. George Troxler. On this Alumni Sunday, we are expecially pleased to have the Elon College Choir leading in our worship. Mr. James Glenn is director and soloists are Jean Kirkpatrick, Soprano, and Sharon Faucett, cellist.

HE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Dr. and Mrs. J. Fred Young in memory of his uncle, Mr. Dawson Briggs.

DAY:
2:30 Planning Committee
6:30 Senior Hi Youth
7:00 Outreach Committee
7:30 Board of Deacons

IRCLES of the Women's Fellowship meet this week.

OSPITALIZED: Mr. Lewis Drumm at Duke and Mrs. Mae Jeffreys at County.

ONGRATULATIONS to Rev. and Mrs. Charles Terrell and grandparents Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Terrell upon the rth of Wendy Durig Terrell on May 2.

LEASE NOTE that on Commencement Sunday, May 20, we will combine Church School and Church Worship. Our Service will begin at 9:30 and dismiss by 10:15.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE

MAY 6, 1979
JOHN 10:11-18

In his *Signposts for the Future,* Catholic theologian Hans Küng lists achievements that point to new unity among Christ's people. The Catholic Church, says Fr. Küng, accepts its need for continual reform and recognizes as authentic other Christian churches. It has a new appreciation of the Bible and the laity. Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, and Protestant Christians collaborate in mission throughout the world. Candid dialogue and work for intercommunion and mutual recognition of the validity of church ministries continues. The dream of the people of God as one flock with one Shepherd is gaining a new reality today.

A NATIONWIDE NETWORK

All across the United States, in rural areas, small towns, and large cities, people are concerned. They are concerned about many issues which confront our nation and our world. Often in the past such concern has quickly dissipated when individuals have seen themselves as "all alone." Today, however, there is a whole network of concerned individuals. Called the IMPACT Network, this loose affiliation joins more than 2,172 members of the United Church of Christ and over 14,000 other persons in affirming a common concern for U.S. public policy.

Now sponsored by more than twenty national Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Jewish agencies, IMPACT is seeking to help individuals make a difference on such issues as U.S. Food Policy, U.S. Foreign Policy and Military Spending, Health Care, Human Services, Employment and Economic Justice, Civil Rights and Liberties, Criminal Justice, and Energy and Ecology.

For more information on the IMPACT Network, write:

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GOD IS GREATER THAN OUR HEARTS

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May 13, 1979 11:00 a.m.

COME, LET US WORSHIP

PERSONAL MEDITATION
Remember the joys of life that surround us on all sides. Remember also the words of the Lord: "I came to bring them life, and far more life than before".

PRELUDE Morning Song Peeters

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choral Introit O Gracious God, Whose Constant Care
PRAYER OF INVOCATION
The Lord's Prayer (all uniting)
*HYMN 267 "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

PREPARE TO WORSHIP

*CONFESSION OF SIN (all uniting)
Eternal God, we confess we have wasted time without loving and wasted years without purpose, and the calendar condemns us. Lead us into a future unhindered by past sins.
*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Gloria Patri

RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM Blessing and Honor Mueller

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS John 10:7-11; 15:1-8
Hymn 333 "Father Almighty, Bless Us With Thy Blessing"
SERMON In Lieu of Flowers

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

'HE STATEMENT OF FAITH

'HE MORNING PRAYERS

'RESENTATION OF GIFTS

Offertory Anthem Canticle of Joy Marshall
Congregational Response The Doxology
Prayer of Dedication
'YMN 228 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

'HARGE TO THE PEOPLE OF FAITH

Benediction
Choral Response Holy, Holy, Holy

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HE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Gilliam, Sr. by the Family.

ODAY:
6:30 Senior Hi Youth
7:00 Music Committee

COMMENCEMENT Service of Worship for the college and community will be held here Saturday evening at 7:30. Dr. G. Melvin Palmer will be the speaker and music will be led by the combined choirs of the church and college.

EXT SUNDAY we will combine Church School and Church Worship at 9:30 in order that those who so desire can also attend the College Commencement at 10:30.

OSPITALIZED: Mrs. Mae Jeffreys is a patient at County Hospital and Mr. Lewis Drumm at Memorial
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RTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE

MAY 13, 1979

I JOHN 3:18-24

Something about God doesn't like fences, as though God knew that when you shut yourself up in a life, mainly focused on your own welfare, things actually can go bad for you. You can get eccentric, become a hypochondriac, or hurt with loneliness. That may be why God sets the solitary in families. Family life tears down the fences that close you in. Even so, there is something yet greater than the life we have in our families. It is the love of God for *all* people. That love works to remove the fences we erect around our homes. It invites us to join God in active concern for the well-being of the whole human family.

CHRISTIAN FAMILY SUNDAY: A REAL FAMILY

What is a family? Father, mother, children? House, furniture, food? Acceptance, forgiveness, responsibilities? Rituals, celebrations, events?

Should a family be defined in terms of persons and property or in terms of relationships and values?

Should a home be planned around appliances and floor plans or around openness and caring . . . "a place where they take you in?"

In an East Coast neighborhood, staff persons from social service agencies and local pastors selected a "deprived" family living in sub-standard housing. The staff decided that the children needed a wholesome environment in a summer camp, and made arrangements for them to attend. The children refused to go. They didn't want to leave their mother and their home! The staff was dumbfounded until someone visited the family and returned with the report, "Underneath all that filth there is love! They are a real family!"

Martha B. Kriebel
Assistant to the Conference Minister
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May 20, 1979 9:30 a.m.

PRELUDE When Thou, Lord, Come to Us Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choral Introit Gracious God, Whose Constant Care
PRAYER OF INVOCATION (all uniting)
O Lord of life, give us, your servants, understanding minds that we may discern between good and evil; and give us resolute wills that we may do the good. Our prayer is in the name of Jesus whom we honor in our worship. Amen.
*HYMNS 6 "O Worship the King" (stanzas 1,2 4)
35 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"(stanzas 1-4)
SCRIPTURE READINGS Exodus 3:1-6; Isaiah 6:1-9
Mark 9:2-8; Luke 24:30-35
THE LESSON High Moments

RESPONSES TO THE LESSON
Can you name some high moments in your experience?
What qualities mark them as high moments?
ACTIONS suggested by the Lesson and Responses

PRAYER

THE RESPONSE WITH GIFTS
Offertory Adagio in E^b Scheidt
* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication
*BENEDICTION

* indicates when the congregation stands.

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

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DAY:

2:30	Planning Committee
6:30	Senior Hi Youth
7:00	Christian Education Committee

R SERVICE OF WORSHIP is held today at the earlier hour in order that those who so desire can also attend the Elon College Commencement. We will return to our usual schedule of Church School at 9:45 and Church Worship at 11:00 next Sunday.

B SCOUT PACK 51 meets Thursday evening in the Parish House.

E SENIOR HIGH YOUTH will hold a retreat at our Blowing Rock Assembly Grounds next weekend. They will depart from the church on Friday at 5 p.m.

SPITALIZED: Mrs Mae Jeffreys at County and Mr. Lewis Drumm at Memorial.

CATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be held June 11-15 in the mornings. Please pre-register your children with the office secretary by Wednesday of this week.

MP REGISTRATIONS are available at the north entrance bulletin board.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE

MAY 20, 1979

JOHN 15:9-17

Always something was there before us, calling us into being. We root in something before and beyond us. If we enjoy physical vigor, that vigor is drawn from the world of nature that sustains us. If we are committed to liberty and justice, it is because we are citizens of a nation, some of whose ideals root in Europe, ancient Greece, and Israel. If we have the ability to love, it is because another *(The First Letter of John* says, an *Other)* first loved us. If our lives bear Christian fruit, it is because we are rooted in Christ. He chooses us. He gives his life to us as the vine gives its life to the branch.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP THE HUNGRY?

As many as a half-billion to one billion men, women, and children—especially women and children—one-eighth to one-quarter of the world's population are hungry today. How shall they be fed? Who will care? Will you help them? Will you care?

There are at least four things that you can do to help:

- Become more fully aware yourself, and help others to become more aware, of the vastness of domestic and world hunger and the need for individual and collective response.
- Become an advocate of public policies which will affect both immediate hunger and the long-term root causes of hunger and malnutrition.
- Reduce your waste of food and energy and seek to re-direct what is released for the meeting of human need elsewhere.
- Give generously through your church to support ongoing and special programs which directly and indirectly help hungry people.

Last year members of the United Church of Christ gave nearly $4 million to hunger-related programs and projects. Most of this came through the ongoing channels of Basic Support for Our Christian World Mission and the One Great Hour of Sharing. In addition, nearly $200,000 was given through the U.C.C. Hunger Action Fund. The needs this year are, if anything, even greater. Greater, too, is the need for your support!

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A College-Community Service of Worship

May 19, 1979

7:30 P. M.

Elon College Community Church

Elon College, North Carolina

THE PRELUDE: Psalm XIX ..... Marcell

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

"God of Our Fathers Whose Almighty Hand" ..... George W. Warre

God of our fathers, whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
Our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past;
In this free land by thee our lot is cast;
Be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay,
Thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence.
Be thy strong arm our ever sure defense;
Thy true religion in our hearts increase;
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh thy people on their toilsome way;
Lead us from night to never ending day;
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine;
And glory, laud, and praise be ever thine. Amen.

* THE CALL TO WORSHIP ..... William G. Lon

* THE CHORAL INTROIT

* THE INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE RESPONSIVE READING ..... Robin S. Marle

Leader: It is a special moment to which we have come. It is as if ever moment were leading to the experience of this moment.

People: It is a happy moment, in the presence of God, directing us into ever enriching and ever-enlarging moments of meaning.

Leader: Behind us lie mistakes and failures;

People: May they be stepping-stones for our maturity.

Leader: Behind us are some successes;

People: May they give us confidence and courage.

Leader: Before us lies an unknown day;

People: May God's grace and guidance support us.
We ask wisdom to distinguish right from wrong;
We ask for freedom and equality;
We ask for the betterment of humankind;
We ask for courage and faith.

eader: What we ask for ourselves may we ask for all.

EOPLE: May talents be developed fully and knowledge used completely.
May impossible tasks be undertaken and completed.
May humankind be served gladly.
May the highest ambitions be realized.

Leader: May the love of God be known by us.

People: May He love us, and hold us, and keep us.

Unison: So may it be for each and for all.

THE SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 6:24-34 ..... Carole F. Chase

THE ANTHEM: "Alleluia! Let The Holy Anthem Rise" ..... E. Englert
(Nathan Artley, Bells)

THE PASTORAL PRAYER ..... Thomas R. Hamilton

THE ANTHEM: "He, Watching Over Israel" ..... F. Mendelssohn
(from "Elijah")

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE MINISTER ..... J. Fred Young

THE SERMON:
"Beyond A Living" ..... G. Melvin Palmer

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN:
"God The Omnipotent" ..... Alexis F. Lvov

God the Omnipotent! King, who ordainest
Thunder thy clarion, the lightning thy sword,
Show forth thy pity on high where thou reignest:
Give to us peace in our time, O Lord.

God the All merciful! earth hath forsaken
Thy ways all holy, and slighted thy word;
Bid not thy wrath in its terrors awaken:
Give to us peace in our time, O Lord.

God the all righteous One! man hath defied thee;
Yet to eternity standeth thy word;
Falsehood and wrong shall not tarry beside thee;
Give to us peace in our time, O Lord.

God the All provident! earth by thy chastening
Yet shall to freedom and truth be restored:
Through the thick darkness thy kingdom is hastening:
Thou wilt give peace in thy time, O Lord. Amen.

* THE BENEDICTION ..... Thomas R. Hamilto

THE POSTLUDE: Passacaglia in g minor ..... Gordon Youn

* Congregation standing

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God in honor of the graduates an their families by Dr. and Mrs. T. E. Powell, Jr.

The choir for the Commencement Worship Service is composed of member of the Elon College campus community and the Elon College Communit Church.

Deacons of the Elon College Community Church are serving as ushers.

LEADERS OF WORSHIP

Mary Alice Bragg ..... Director of Musi
Elon College Community Churc

Carole F. Chase ..... Chairpersc
Religious Life Committe

James Glenn ..... Instructor In Mus
Elon Colleg

Thomas R. Hamilton ..... Past
Elon College Community Churc

William G. Long ..... Dean of Student Affai
Elon Colleg

Robin S. Marley ..... Memb
Religious Life Committe

G. Melvin Palmer ..... Past
Peace United Church of Chri
Greensboro, N.

J. Fred Young ..... Preside
Elon Colle

Commencement Exercises will be held on May 20, at 10:30 a. m. in the Alum Memorial Gymnasium on the campus of Elon College.

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May 27, 1979 11:00 a.m

COME, LET US WORSHIP

PERSONAL MEDITATION
Even the disciples were forced to ask, "Lord, teach us to pray". But often the answers to prayer are given in the disguise of their apparent denial.

PRELUDE Voluntary for Organ Man

CALL TO WORSHIP
Introit If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee
PRAYER OF INVOCATION
The Lord's Prayer (all uniting
*HYMN 68 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

PREPARE TO WORSHIP

*CONFESSION OF SIN (all uniting
God our Father, we are ungrateful. The very fact that we must remind ourselves to be grateful reveals our ungratefulness. Sharpen our memories that we may recall a greater number of your numberless mercies.
*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Gloria Patr

RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM Blest is He That Serves the Lord Hande

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 17:11-2
Hymn 269 "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

SERMON When Experience Seems to Contradict The Promise of God

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH (all uniting)

THE MORNING PRAYERS

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS
Offertory O World I Now Must Leave Thee Brahms
Congregational Response The Doxology
Prayer of Dedication
HYMN 371 "He Who Would Valiant Be"

CHARGE TO THE PEOPLE OF FAITH
Benediction
Choral Response Glory to God in the Highest

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Miss Lila Newman by Miss Josephine Farmer.

TODAY: 2:30 Planning Committee
6:00 Church softball at College Field
7:00 Board of Trustees

CONGRATULATIONS to Darrell S. Small and Tammy L. Zufall whose Service of Marriage is to be celebrated here this evening.

. CLASS for new members will be held next Sunday at 9:45 in the Library-Conference Room.

THE ANNUAL SERVICE of the Magnolia Memorial Association will be held in this sanctuary on June 3 at four o'clock.

OTHER: Our Senior Hi Youth are holding a retreat at Blowing Rock Assembly Grounds... Mrs. Mary Graham Mackintosh and Mr. Howard Loy are patients at Memorial... VBS will be held June 11-15... Articles for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning. ... Next Sunday we will recognize our high school graduates.

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE

MAY 27, 1979

JOHN 17:11-19

God loves this world and sends us into it as agents of that love. We are sent into a world that grows enough grain each year to feed every human at the North American standard of 3,000 calories a day, yet where, in India, starvation blinds infants, in Ecuador, autopsies on children show stomachs full of roots and dirt and, in Ethiopia, starving farmers die from eating poisonous herbs. God sends us to places where "Christian" denotes, not discipleship of the Prince of Peace, but partisanship in grim conflict. In *this* world, we are commissioned to make peace, work for justice, bring news of God's judgment and love.

WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO US?

Can we learn by studying and visiting China—the People's Republic of China, of all places? Jesus expected his disciples to learn from what happened to them; the prophets expected the people to learn from what befell them; the Old Testament even records that God used non-Jews to teach the Israelites—Cyrus the Persian or the people of Assyria—even when "they did not so intend." Can God be speaking today? And if so, what is intended for us to learn?

Visiting the People's Republic of China, one is struck by a familiar idea that is most honored: "Serve the people," rather than just yourself. This is strongly taught on every side, and the power of the community is being harnessed to overcome the resentments and selfishness human beings are prone to, even in China. Small groups are used for both support and correction, as well as the more commonplace (and easier) slogans and posters. We of the Christian church have experienced both the power and the problems of a community with a common allegiance and common goals. In the People's Republic of China we can see both the power and the problems enlarged.

God does not disdain the human, in which the divine image is found. Rather God uses the human and purifies and strengthens it by divine power and goodness. What may God be teaching us through the Chinese people today?

Mabel Metze
Former East Asia Fraternal Worker
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Indianapolis, IN

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June 3, 1979 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Adagio for Organ Dello Joi

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit If Thou But Suffer God To Guide Thee
Prayer of Invocation (all uniting
Help us, O God, to make this a day of returning and rest, a day of quietness and confidence, that we may enter into the joy and the power of your salvation. In Jesus' Name we pray, as he taught us:
The Lord's Prayer
* Hymn 29 "Now Thank We All Our God"

THE LIVING WORD
The Old Testament Exodus 34: 4-6,8,
The Gospel Matthew 28:16-2
The Epistle Acts 2:1-1
* The Gloria Patri (all uniting
THE WORD OF PRAYER
The silent prayers of the people
The pastor's prayer for the people
THE SPOKEN WORD
Anthem The Summer Days Are Here Again Forest Gree
Welcome
Recognition of High School Graduates
* Hymn 402 "Jesus, Where'er Thy People Meet
Sermon Claim, Commission, and Promise
PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory When Jesus Ascended Van Huls
* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

OING OUT TO SERVE
Hymn 345 "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"
Benediction
Choral Response God Be With You

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HE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Mrs. Brinson Rouse and Dr. and Mrs. Ned F. Brannock by Misses Madge and Edith Brannock.

DDAY: 4:00 Memorial Service
6:30 Senior Hi Youth
7:30 Board of Deacons

HE MAGNOLIA MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION will hold its Annual Service here at four o'clock today. The Service will be conducted by our pastor and Rev. Bruce O. Martin of the First Baptist Church.

E ARE PLEASED today to recognize and honor our seniors who will be graduated from area high schools. They are: Jane Alexander, Lynn Baxter, Connie Bland, Jama Cunningham, Patsy Griswold, Lisa Johnston, Keith Lyon, Becky Mann, Reuben Seamster, Vic Vickers, and David Wood.

OSPITALIZED: Mrs. Mary Graham Mackintosh, Mr. Wes Alexander, and Mr. Howard Loy at Memorial.

HE CONGREGATION UNITES in an expression of Christian Sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Pendergrass upon the death of her father, Mr. Robert L. Fleet, on May 18.

CATION BIBLE SCHOOL is June 11-15. Registration forms are available in the narthex.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

JUNE 3, 1979

ACTS 2:1-13

Pentecost is the Church's "roots" story. Luke looked back across many years to the fiftieth day after the first Easter. He recalled strange happenings in Jerusalem. That day, God had sent the Spirit, and the Church had been born amid the confusion of an excited, noisy crowd. Later, that story let Christians in Asia, Greece, and Rome know their identity. It helps us to know who we are, though not only by looking backward. Pentecost points us ahead to tasks for which the Church has come to be: to unite separated peoples, tell the world about God's mighty works, and serve all humanity as deputies of Jesus Christ.

FOR ALL

"All" is an important word in the Christian faith. The Biblical account of Pentecost says the believers "were *all* filled with the Holy Spirit." The gift of God's Spirit was not reserved for a few with special speaking skills or virtues but was meant for *all* believers.

Similarly, the effects of Pentecost were not narrowly restricted. People were in Jerusalem from many places, speaking different languages. Yet, *all* who listened heard the Gospel in words they recognized. The good news was shared by the believers in different ways, and was understood by all.

We have received God's Spirit and are sent to share the Gospel with *all* people. One "language" will not be understood in every situation. Some people need food. Others need a person to listen and understand. Some need to hear the story of Jesus. Others need assistance to battle discrimination and other forms of injustice. Some congregations need aid in securing a pastor. Others need help in training lay leaders.

Through Our Christian World Mission—the work we *all* do together here and overseas through the conferences, national agencies, and institutions related to the United Church of Christ—we seek, in the power of God's Spirit, to minister to all kinds of human need.

Milton E. Gockley, Jr.
Secretary for Promotion
Stewardship Council

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MAGNOLIA MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

MEMORIAL SERVICE

June 3, 1979

4:00 p. m.

Elon College Community Church

Elon College, North Carolina

"The kingdom of the world has
become the kingdom of our Lord and
of his Christ, and he shall reign
for ever and ever." (Revelation 11:15)

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Organ Prelude

Hymn 228 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Memoirs — Rev. Thomas R. Hamilton

New Testament Reading — I Thessalonians 3:6-8

Meditation — Remembrance: A Resource for the Living — Rev. Bruce O. Martin

Hymn 370 "He Leadeth Me" (stanzas 1,2)

Benediction

Mrs. Peggy Lackey, Organist

BUSINESS SESSION

Election of Officers
Other

OFFICERS NOMINATED FOR 1979-80

President	E. S. Lankford
Vice President	Miss Nannie D. Reitzel
Secretary	Mrs. Brown Fogleman
Treasurer	Mr. W. E. Lowe, Jr.

IN MEMORY OF:

Hoyt T. Hambright	June 28, 1978
James F. Hickman	June 29, 1978
J. Lon McAdams	September 19, 1978
Mrs. R. L. Wall	October 17, 1978
Dr. John G. Truitt	December 21, 1978
Mrs. John R. Porterfield	January 25, 1979
Mrs. Burtice O. Snyder	March 24, 1979

MAGNOLIA MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION
Treasurer's Report
May 31, 1978 - May 31, 1979

Balance May 31, 1978		
Checking Account	1415.57	
*Passbook Savings	4696.97	6112.54
Receipts		
Dues	536.00	
Dividends (not included in Checking Account)	199.26	735.26
Disbursements		
Postage	15.00	
Programs	15.00	
Alamance Secretarial Service	7.86	37.86
Balance May 31, 1979		
Checking Account	1913.71	
Passbook Savings	4896.23	6809.94

*$1000.00 transferred from the Checking Account into Passbook Savings

HERE I AM
SEND ME

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Mrs. Mary Ann Johnston, Director of Youth Choir
Chris Vickers and Alan Young, Acolytes

June 10, 1979 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE To God, All Honor Be Pachelbel

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit Youth Choir
Pastor: We gather to worship God, the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.
People: The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, our refuge and strength in times past, the Lord of yesterday.
Pastor: The Father who is our provider and prompter in the here and now, the Lord of today.
People: The Maker of a new heaven and a new earth, our help and hope for what is to come, the Lord of tomorrow.
* Hymn 64 "All Creatures of Our God and King"

THE LIVING WORD
The Old Testament Isaiah 6:1-8
The Gospel John 3:1-8
The Epistle Romans 8:12-17

THE WORD OF PRAYER
Hymn 318 "Draw Thou My Soul, O Christ"
The silent prayers of the people
The pastor's prayer for the people

THE SPOKEN WORD
Anthem Solo God Is My Shepherd Dvorak
I Will Sing Thee Songs of Gladness
(Winifred Barney, Contralto)

Welcome
Sermon Isaiah and Nicodemus
RAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Maestoso in G Manz
Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own
Dedication of Gifts
OING OUT TO SERVE
Hymn 365 "Faith of Our Fathers"
Benediction
Choral Response Doxology

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HE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Dr.& Mrs. J. Earl Danieley in honor of Mark upon his graduation from North Carolina State University.

ODAY: 12:00 The Board of Deacons will meet briefly near the pulpit.
4:00 Women's Fellowship Executive Board, including officers, department chairmen and circle leaders.
6:00 Church Family Softball at College Field
7:00 Music Committee

ACATION CHURCH SCHOOL for kindergarten through grade 6 begins tomorrow morning and continues every morning this week from 9:15-12:00. We hope all our children will be attending.

HE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP quarterly meeting is tomorrow evening at 7:30 in the Updyke Choral Center. The Rev. Jerry Moore will present the program on "Learning to Cope in a Crisis."

FAMILY NIGHT Hot Dog Supper will be held Thursday evening at 6:30. You are asked to bring a covered dish of potato salad, baked beans, salad, chili, or dessert. Hot dogs and beverage will be provided.

THER: Mr. Howard Loy and Mr. Wes Alexander are patients at Memorial...Torch articles are due.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 10, 1979

ISAIAH 6:1-8

At a bad time in the life of Israel, Isaiah goes to the Temple. There he experiences God's cleansing power and hears God call: "Who will go for us?" That call and Isaiah's response indicate how closely related should be our life in church to the life we lead outside the church. The consequence of worship should be our equipment to take the faith, love, and goodness we celebrate at the altar to the tractor, clinic, assembly line, office, classroom, family room, ballot box, and cash register. The sincerity of what we do in church is made clear by the extent to which it informs and empowers what we do everywhere else!

HIGHER COST OF EDUCATION IN HONDURAS

From San Pedro Sula, Honduras, United Church of Christ missionaries Ned and Vilma van Steenwyk write to share their concern that high school education in their area seems to be increasingly for the well-to-do. Tuition at the *Instituto Departmental Evangelico Anna D. Bechtold,* a high school, for instance, has increased 15% this year to $250, plus the cost of books, school supplies, and uniforms. This makes the cost over three times greater than it is at the semi-private schools of Honduras and greater than the annual income of 80% of Honduran families.

The van Steenwyks are finding it difficult to reverse this drift toward elitism in education but are hopeful that an upsurge of concern among the members of the church and of the community with whom they work will lead to a solution in the near future.

Your support of the van Steenwyks is through the United Church Board for World Ministries and through your giving to Our Christian World Mission. Include the van Steenwyks and the yet unreached young people of Honduras in your prayers.

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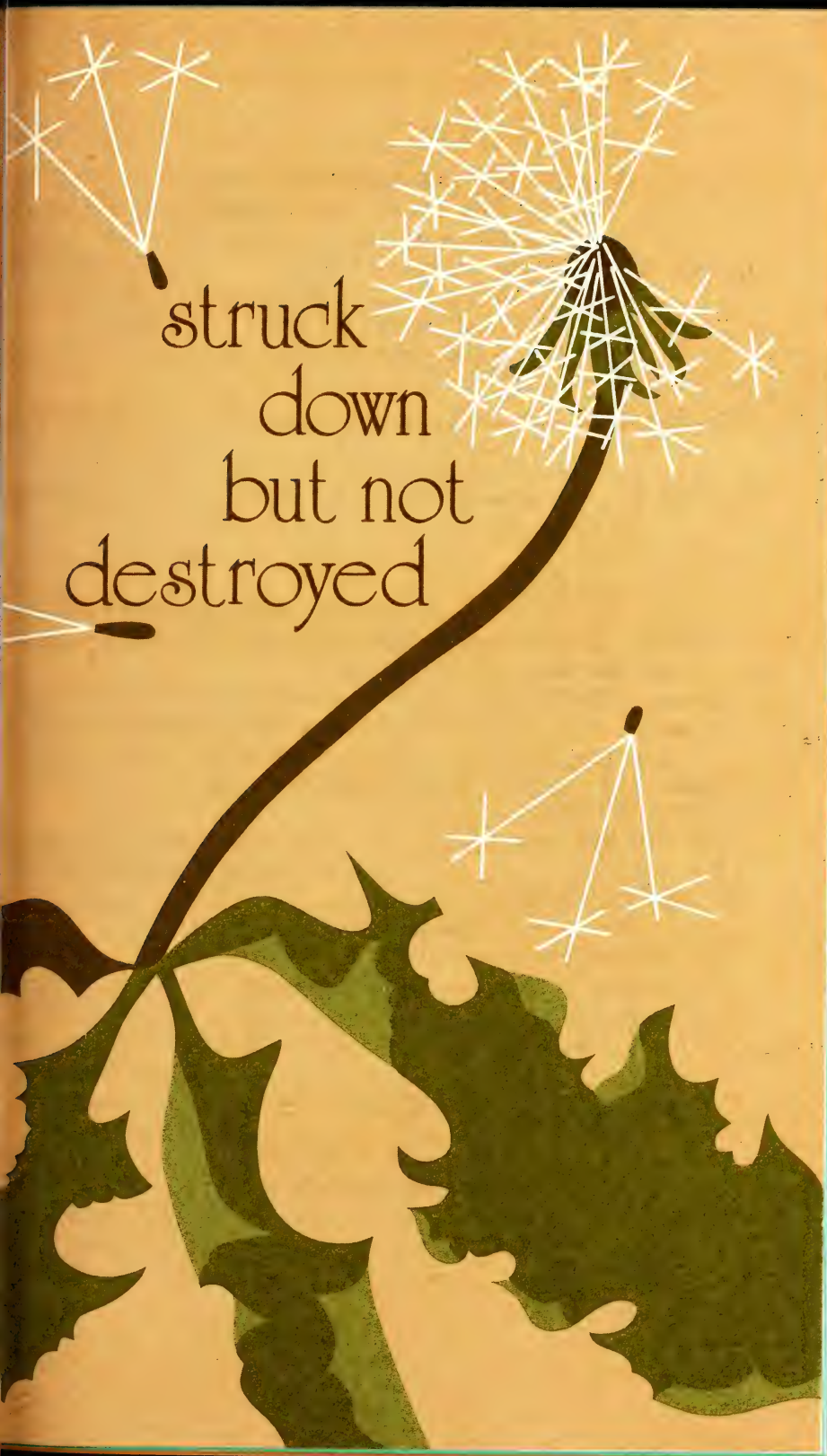
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June 17, 1979 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Jesus, Still My Soul Walthe

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit The Summer Days Are Come Again
Pastor: Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts.
People: Point out anything in me that makes you sa
Unison: And lead us all along the pathway of everlasting life.
* Hymn 249 "Ancient of Days"
THE LIVING WORD
The Old Testament Habakkuk 3:2, 16-1
The Epistle II Corinthians 4:6-1
THE WORD OF PRAYER
Hymn 374 "In the Hour of Trial"
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
THE SPOKEN WORD
Anthem Come, Jesus Holy Son of God Hande
Welcome
Sermon Faith's "Yet"
PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory When Thou Prayest Man
* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Ow
* Dedication of Gifts

OING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn 84 "The Lord's My Shepherd"

Benediction

Congregational Response The Doxology

* Indicates when the congregation stands.

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Dr. and Mrs. S.W. Caddell by the Family.

TODAY: 6:00 Church Family softball at College Field

THANKS to the teachers, pupils, and others who participated in our Vacation Bible School last week.

THE ANNUAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE will be held here Monday to Wednesday of this week. You are especially encouraged to hear the keynote address delivered by Rev. Peggy Way tomorrow evening at 7:30.

THE PASTOR will leave tomorrow to be in attendance at the Twelfth General Synod meeting in Indianapolis. Until his return on June 27, he may be reached in any emergency by calling the parsonage. We are pleased that Dr. Danieley has agreed to lead our Service of Worship next Sunday.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES of Elon College invites you to a reception on Thursday evening from 7:30 to 9:00 in honor of Miss Caroline Powell and to be held in the Caroline E. Powell Building.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 17, 1979

2 CORINTHIANS 4:6-11

When you get caught in a flood of troubles, for what rock do you reach with your feet? An "invisible means of support" is essential at a time like that. The apostle Paul found firm footing on his faith in Christ. Paul read God's intention for human well-being in "the face of Jesus." That gave him anchorage during the storms of affliction, perplexity, and persecution. Should life grow dark for you, seek light from Christ, the Light of the world. If you get over your head in trouble, learn courage and trust from the crucified Jesus. When you walk through the shadowed valley of death, find hope in the risen Lord of death and life.

THE VALUES OF SMALLER CHURCHES

Christ talked about many things that need special care: lambs, small children, the hungry, the unclothed. And he told us that "to whom much is given . . . will much be required." He also talked about his Body, the Church, and implied that all parts are to share in caring for all other parts of the Body.

Though sometimes belittled, smaller churches, historically, have moved the Christian cause forward. Because of their strong and warm fellowship, the ease of adaptability, fast communication, and mobilization, smaller churches are ideally suited to respond quickly to emerging needs.

Smaller churches have a place in the mission task that can be filled by no other group. They must be encouraged and they must be strengthened. And they must be given the recognition and status which rightfully belong to them as faithful partners in mission. Therefore, we need to give, to share, to uplift, and to respond to their needs, remembering of them that "whoever does the will of God is my brother, and sister, and mother."

Allen T. Cowan
General Presbyter
Presbytery of Greenbrier
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.

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June 24, 1979 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Praise God, All Ye Heavens Bach

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit Fairest Lord Jesus
Leader: Let us praise God who calls us to this rendezvous with him and with each other.
People: Praise God from whom all blessings flow:
the blessing of this place,
the blessing of this hour,
the blessing of loving friends.
Unison: Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
* Hymn 8 "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"
THE LIVING WORD
The Old Testament
The New Testament
THE WORD OF PRAYER
Hymn 341 "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Spoken Prayer for the People
THE SPOKEN WORD
Anthem Brother James' Air Traditional
Welcome
Sermon Dr. Danieley

RAISE THROUGH GIVING

Offertory Love of God Scheidt

Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own

Dedication of Gifts

DING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn 383 "Forward Through the Ages"

Benediction

Congregational Response The Doxology

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HE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Numa R. Franks.

DDAY: 6:00 Church Family softball at College Field

E ARE PLEASED to welcome as our Worship Leader today Dr. J. Earl Danieley, the Moderator of our congregation.

UR PASTOR is attending the Twelfth General Synod meeting in Indianapolis. He will return late Wednesday. He may be reached in any emergency by calling the parsonage.

NGRATULATIONS to Reuben E. Seamster and Pamela J. Smith whose Service of Marriage was celebrated here yesterday.

VOTIONAL GUIDES for July-August are available in the narthex.

TICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 24, 1979

II CORINTHIANS 4:13-5:1

Asked how he felt about getting old, Maurice Chevalier said, "It sure beats the alternative." Only, of course, none of us finally beats the alternative. Similarly, the renewed "spiritual being" of which St. Paul writes did not halt his body's decay or soften the pain of beatings and stoning. Nor would it finally avert his death. In his encounter with Jesus, Paul had gained faith in the God who would raise him from death as God raised Jesus. Consequently, Paul could endure pain and decay, even risk death, as he served Christ and anticipated an "eternal weight of glory" worth more, by far, than the trouble it cost.

GENERAL SYNOD TWELVE

Members of the United Church of Christ gather frequently for family meetings. One of these is the General Synod. More than seven hundred persons, elected by the Conferences, are voting delegates. Two or three times that number may be present for some of the sessions of Synod, related activities, and occasions of worship. Reports are received; priorities are identified; budgets are adopted; forward-looking statements, carefully drafted by delegates in long working sessions, are adopted. The General Synod speaks for itself to the world and speaks also to the local churches, but not for them.

General Synod Twelve is meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana, June 22-26, 1979. When the sound of the Moderator's gavel reverberated throughout the Civic Auditorium at the opening session, two years of careful planning were at an end and a meeting, full of inspiration, often with intensive debates, yet with deep feelings, and deep levels of community, began.

Expectations run high throughout the Church at the time of General Synod. We know that much of the tone of our Church will be set by this family meeting—that delegates will seek to speak clearly and courageously about pressing human issues—that the Synod's particular way of proclaiming the faith will resonate throughout the Church—and that challenges will be shaped about the future growth and health of our Church.

While only a small number of United Church members go to General Synod, all of us are called to participate through our prayers, active concern, and a faithful reading of and response to the General Synod reports that are sent to the churches.

Avery D. Post
President
United Church of Christ

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of the field
shall know

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Mrs. Peggy Lackey, Guest Organist
Bert Barbee and Dan Hamilton, Acolytes

July 1, 1979 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Variations on "America" Ives

PRAISE TO GOD Psalm 67

Pastor: God has blessed us with his favor and made his face to smile on us.

People: May his purpose be plain to all and his saving power to all nations.

Pastor: O God, may the whole world praise you; may the nations sing for joy.

People: For you rule the world justly; you guide all the nations of the earth.

Choir: "From Ocean Unto Ocean"

Prayer of Invocation

* Hymn 437 "My Country, 'Tis of Thee"

THE LIVING WORD

The Old Testament Ezekiel 2:1-5

The New Testament Mark 6:1-6

THE WORD OF PRAYER

Hymn 210 "Jesus, Lover of my Soul"

The Silent Prayers of the People

The Pastor's Prayer for the People

THE SPOKEN WORD

The Statement of Faith (all uniting)

Welcome

Sermon <u>Heroes Welcomed</u> Dr. Hamilton

RAISE THROUGH GIVING

Offertory Colonial Air Bolling

Congregational Response:We Give Thee But Thine Own

Dedication of Gifts

OING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn 440 "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

Benediction

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HE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of the Reverend Guy H. Veazey by Drs. George and Carole Troxler.

ODAY: 6:00 Church Family softball at College Field
7:30 Board of Deacons

HE FLOWER COMMITTEE is in process of developing a schedule for placement of flowers on the altar. Those who wish to designate a Sunday during the next twelve months are asked to contact Mrs. Kathleen Lankford or Mrs. Clara Noah.

INANCIAL STATEMENTS of second-quarter contributions are available in the narthex this morning. Please examine your statement carefully. In an effort to conserve, these statements will not be mailed until the end of the third quarter.

HE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated next Sunday.

HE THRIFT SHOP will be open to the public Saturday morning at 10:30.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 1, 1979

EZEKIEL 17:22-24

The silt of centuries covers the bones of characters in Ezekiel's strange tales of eagles and grapevines, hunters' nets and cedar trees. Gone are the once proud kings: Jehoiachin, Nebuchadrezzar, Zedekiah, and Pharoah. Alive as today's seven A.M. newscast is a question prompted by the prophet's parables: "Does God really act in human history?" Ezekiel saw God's hand in events of the sixth century B.C. And Jesus said that God is "always working." Do we see God at work in late twentieth-century events? If we do, our vision can equip us for being co-actors with God to lift the condition of life in the world today.

FOR RECONCILIATION AND REASON

Violence is a constant reality on the Island of Mindanao in the Philippines, a violence related to the tension between Muslims and Christians, but even more to the economics and politics of the region. In the midst of this, Dansalan College, long-related to the United Church of Christ, provides a source of reconciliation and reason.

Last summer, Dr. Peter G. Gowing, a missionary of the United Church Board for World Ministries who serves as director of Dansalan's Research Center, participated in the Third National Muslim-Christian Dialogue. The Dialogue addressed forthrightly such issues as the lifting of martial law, the curbing of abuses by some military units, and the resuming of negotiations between the Government and the Moro National Liberation Front. A Memorandum and related resolutions and position papers were drawn up and were presented to President Marcos by a former Vice-President of the Philippines who commended them as "balanced and worthy of serious consideration."

There are many reasonable people on both sides of this struggle who hope that the theoretical basis contained in the Memorandum for a solution to the "Mindanao Problem" can soon be translated into reality and that the Philippines can find a peace that has eluded it for more than two decades.

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July 8, 1979 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE By The Waters of Babylon Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choral Introit Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
*HYMN 251 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

UNISON PRAYER
God, our Father, you have told us that those who seek you will find you: we come today to know you, to love you, to learn how to serve you, and to praise you for coming to us in your Son, Jesus. Be among us through your Spirit, we pray in his name. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Hosea 11:1-9
* The Gloria Patri
NEW TESTAMENT READING II Corinthians 5:14-21

ANTHEM SOLO With Verdure Clad Haydn
(Mary Anne Johnston, Soprano)
THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory Adoramus te Peeters
* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own
* Prayer of Dedication
MEDITATION Re-Conciliation Dr. Hamilton

IE SERVICE OF COMMUNION
The Invitation of Christ
Communion Collect
General Confession (all uniting) Hymnal, p. 495
Assurance of Pardon
Words of Institution
Distribution of the Elements
Thanksgiving
MN 414 "In Christ There Is No East or West"

UNISON PRAYER
Thank you, our Father, for your Son who reminds us that we are all your children. And thank you for every new chance to show to each other your gentle kindness.
NEDICTION
Congregational Response The Doxology

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IE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of all deceased members of the congregation by Dr. and Mrs. Howard Richardson.
IE HOLY COMMUNION is served today to all confirmed members of Christ's Church. We celebrate "open communion", inviting all professing Christians to join us in this Sacrament of Faith.
R PASTOR will be on vacation July 12-19. We are pleased that our Service of Worship next Sunday will be conducted by Dr. J. Earl Danieley.
HER: Attending camp at Johns River this week are Andre Wilkins, Charles Wilkins, and Beth Barbee....
....Articles for "The Torch" are due tomorrow.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 8, 1979

JOB 38:1-11

There is a tired, old opinion: "The well-off get well-off by honesty, brains, and hard work. The poor get poor by being dishonest, stupid, and lazy. You get what you deserve in life." Job is a rebel against that idea. He pushes his argument right up under God's nose: "I don't deserve what I'm getting. Vindicate your justice!" God's reply is simple and strange: "My justice outruns your mind." That satisfies Job. But not us—not even after Calvary. One of our playwrights has rewritten *Job.* His play, JB, asks: "Who's in charge of life?" and answers, "We humans." *Job* says: "A trustworthy Creator orders all existence."

HUMAN RIGHTS IN TODAY'S WORLD

In South Korea, Roman Catholic layman Kim Dae Jung, defeated by Park Chung Hee in the last presidential election by a narrow margin, was kidnapped from Japan by the Korean CIA.

In December, 1975, after East Timor became free from Portugal, the Indonesian government invaded this country and continues to occupy the territory to this day.

In the Soviet Union, Jewish citizens are routinely denied the right to emigrate to Israel.

In parts of the United States, American Indians are often harrassed by law-enforcement and judicial authorities until their rights are established by higher courts.

All around the world, in the developed as well as in developing countries, human rights are being violated for reasons of political expediency.

The church is called to resist tyranny in whatever form it takes. A 1976 Consultation on Human Rights and Christian Responsibility, meeting in St. Polten, Austria, held that the church is called to suffer willingly for all the oppressed.

More than fifty nations have now ratified United Nations International Covenants on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights, and on Civil and Political Rights, guaranteeing the rights that are enumerated in the 1968 Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

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July 15, 1979 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Maestoso in a minor Buxtehude

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit The Summer Days Are Come Again
Leader: God is our shelter and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble.
People: So we will not be fearful, even if the earth is shaken and mountains fall into the ocean depths. The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.
* Hymn 66 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

THE LIVING WORD
The Old Testament Deuteronomy 30:15-20
The New Testament II Corinthians 4:7-18

THE WORD OF PRAYER
Hymn 232 "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Spoken Prayer for the People

THE SPOKEN WORD
Anthem Solo Denise Joines, Soprano
Welcome
Sermon A 'No Complaint' Faith Dr. Danieley

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Aria for Organ Peeters
* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own
* Dedication of Gifts

)ING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn 267 "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

Benediction

Congregational Response The Doxology

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HE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Henry G. Tallon whose Service of Marriage was celebrated here yesterday.

E ARE PLEASED to welcome as our Guest Minister today Dr. J. Earl Danieley, Professor of Chemistry at Elon College and Moderator of this congregation.

HE PASTOR will return from vacation on Thursday evening. Next Sunday he will preach at Berea UCC and their Pastor, Rev. Carol Bernard-Snyder will be our Guest Minister.

EALS-ON-WHEELS are delivered this week by our members.

TTENDING CAMP this week at Johns River is Dan Hamilton.

AMILY NIGHT, sponsored by the Adult Bible Class, is next Sunday beginning at five o'clock. The activities include softball, dessert, and a full-length movie. Come for a portion or all of the evening.

HE FLOWER COMMITTEE is in process of developing a schedule for placement of flowers on the altar. Those who wish to designate a Sunday during the next twelve months are asked to contact Mrs. Clara Noah or Mrs. Kathleen Lankford.

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SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 15, 1979

2 CORINTHIANS 8:7-15

"Nearly one billion humans in Asia, Africa, and Latin America," says World Bank president Robert McNamara, "exist in severe hunger that causes brain damage, blindness, chronic illness, and early death." Meanwhile, in North America we overeat. That tests our religion! When famine hit Judea, Paul told Christians in Greece: "You should help those in need." And they did. How do we react to others' hunger? Shrug it off? Feel guilty? Change our eating habits? Give money for relief and agricultural development? Work for more just distribution of food? Does our faith move us to *action* in love for our hungry fellow-humans?

THE OTHER SIDE OF DEVELOPMENT

When community leaders of Lyons, a small town in North Central New York, began plans a year or so ago to redevelop one of the community's old, historic areas, there seemed to be much in favor of the process. Today, however, with help from the Commission on Racial Justice of the United Church of Christ and the Eastern Farm Workers Association, another side of the situation is receiving attention.

Forty-four black and Puerto Rican families are now seeking to resist the efforts of town officials to evict them from their homes on Water Street. As they see it, they have no alternative except to return to transient labor camps in which they had once lived. Town authorities note many long-standing building-code violations in the area. But when the tenants asked where they were to be relocated, they were told, "There is no room in Lyons!"

At issue is the right of low-income workers from racial or ethnic minority groups to continue to live in the community of their choice or to be removed at the caprice of a local municipality. Through our Commission on Racial Justice, you are helping the matter to be fairly adjudicated.

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ey will know there has been a prophet among them

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Andre Wilkins and Alan Young, Acolytes

July 22, 1979 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE In Thee Is Gladness J.S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

Choral Introit: Forest Green

Pastor: "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

People: Here we are, Lord, a community gathered in your name and for your sake.

Pastor: Sisters and brothers, let us praise God in worship together.

All: Come among us, Lord, and draw us nearer to you and to each other (pause in silence) Come among us, Lord, and draw us nearer to you and to each other. Amen

Prayer of Invocation

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (all uniting)

God knows and loves us thoroughly. There is no need for acting. God knows who we are and what we are. There is no need for pretension. God accepts us with our weakness and strength, our evil and virtue, our inability and ability.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*HYMN 35 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

THE LIVING WORD

Old Testament Deuteronomy 26:5-9

New Testament Mark 1:35-45; 2:1-5,11

THE WORD OF PRAYER

Hymn 233 "Breathe On Me, Breath of God"

The Pastoral Prayer

THE SPOKEN WORD

Solo Et Exultavit Spiritus Meus Bach
(Ellen B. Williams, Soprano)

Welcome

Sermon Jesus Did Not Heal Everyone
Rev. Bernard-Snyder

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Solo Sweet Chants That Led My Steps M. Head

* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own

* Dedication of Gifts

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn 372 "How Firm A Foundation"

* Benediction The Doxology

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting that you sign the guest register in the narthex. You are greeted at the door by Mrs. Reggie McLelland and Mr. E.W. Brafford.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Piercy in memory of her father, Mr. R.L. Spauling.

OUR GUEST MINISTER is the Rev. Mrs. Carol Bernard-Snyder, Pastor of Berea UCC. Our Pastor is conducting the Service of Worship this morning at Berea.

WE ARE PLEASED to welcome Douglas and Ellen Williams this morning and to have Ellen lead in our ministry of music. They have recently returned from a year in London and will be living in the New York area.

FAMILY NIGHT begins at five this evening with a soft-ball game followed by dessert and a full-length movie. Be a part of the fellowship and fun.

THE DISTRICT CHURCHMEN'S FELLOWSHIP meets Thursday evening at seven at Bethlehem Church. Reservations may be placed through the church office.

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 22, 1979

EZEKIEL 2:1-5

Taken captive to far-off Babylon, Temple priest Ezekiel spends his [illegible] years. Last words in Jerusalem, the Temple defiled. The Elders [illegible] "We have [illegible] Israel. We can do as we please." Then, Ezekiel is called to speak for God. And that does it! "Who will listen?" he pleads. God persists: "Whether those rebels listen to you or not, they will know that a prophet has been among them." Ours is a "Generation On the Take." The nation is adrift. Our world is rent by poverty and [illegible]. God calls prophets to address [illegible] with a sane word. Who will speak so "they will know?" And who will listen?

YOUR HUNGER FUND IN ACTION

The Hunger Action Fund of the United Church of Christ funds [illegible] of programs and projects that help hungry people at home and abroad. Last year, among the many grants made from the Hunger Action Fund were the following:

- $3,000 to the Social Welfare and Legal Aid Services project of Yonsei University, Seoul, Korea.
- $10,000 to the Interreligious Task Force on U.S. Food Policy, which combines the efforts of Protestants, Roman Catholics, and Jews to keep their constituencies aware of national hunger legislation.
- $5,000 to Chrysalis, an interdenominational program in Indianapolis, which sponsors study programs and seminars for church and community on hunger issues.
- $4,000 to the Friendly Lunch Program in Philadelphia, which brings together senior citizens for a weekly noon meal and provides nutrition education, a food co-op, and [illegible] political awareness.

These are just a few of the more than forty grants made by the Hunger Action Fund, which totaled over $110,000. Because you cared and gave, hungry people are being helped!

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July 29, 1979 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Prelude and Fugue in g minor Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP
Solo Introit Give Me Understanding E. Johnson
(James Glenn, Tenor)
Pastor: God is our refuge and strength forever.
People: Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to the Lord who is our strength and Redeemer.
Prayer of Invocation
PRAYER OF CONFESSION (all uniting)
Eternal God who forgives the wrongs we cannot forget, we confess we have wasted years of time without purpose. Daily we miss doing your will; often we do what you'd rather we never did. Lead us into the future freed of aimlessness. Amen.
ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*HYMN 3 "God Himself Is With Us"

THE LIVING WORD
Old Testament Amos 7:12-17
New Testament Ephesians 1:3-14
THE SPOKEN WORD
Solo "Ingemisco" from The Requiem Verdi
(James Glenn, Tenor)
Welcome
Sermon On Purpose Dr. Hamilton

THE WORD OF PRAYER

Hymn 402 "Jesus, Where'er Thy People Meet"

The Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (all uniting)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Litany Peeters

Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own

Dedication of Gifts

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn 384 "Soldiers of Christ, Arise"

Benediction

Congregational Response The Doxology

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. D.D. Atkinson and Family.

TODAY: 6:00 Church Family Softball at College Field.

OUR CHURCH CAMPERS this summer have been Beth Barbee, John Barbee, Dan Hamilton, Kristen Wilkins, Charles Wilkins, and Andre Wilkins. Chris Vickers will attend the back-packing camp at Johns River next week.

A CPR COURSE (cardiac pulmonary resuscitation) will be held here the evenings of August 1,3,8, and 10. The course is sponsored by the Town of Elon College Safety Committee and certified by Technical Institute of Alamance. There is a $5.00 fee. You may register by calling the church office tomorrow morning.

YOUR RECIPES for the cookbook planned by the Music Committee are needed by next Sunday. They may be placed in the box in the narthex.

ARTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 29, 1979

EPHESIANS 1:3-10

Ephesians is a picturebook whose theme is the unity God plans through Christ. But unity, God, and Christ are invisible realities. So the writer likens Christ in the Church to a cornerstone in a house. Christ does for creation what a head does for its body. Christ, you can say, turns to clear light the world's rainbow hues. See how divided we are: Western/Communist/Third World, Israeli/Arab, Irish Protestants/Irish Catholics, female/male, black/brown/yellow/white. Can concord come to such a world? It may come. But concord will take long, hard work. Shall we not then live by faith in Jesus Christ, the Uniter of the world?

WORKING TOGETHER IN ARIZONA

In Arizona, leaders from the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., and United Church of Christ have joined in an Interchurch Commission on Mission in the Southwest. These denominations have entered into a Covenant for Cooperative New Church Development in which all new-church starts will be jointly funded for three years. Assignment for supervision, leadership, and capital funding will be given in each instance to one of the three denominations. Among the new congregations now being started are:

- United Presbyterian Church in Fountain Hills, which began by holding its initial meeting in a local bar.
- United Church of Christ of South Tempe, which began its services last October in the choir room of Marcos de Niza High School.
- East Mesa Christian Church (Disciples), which is meeting in the Sunland Village Community Center, has acquired property and is beginning to build this summer.

The new work has required identification of prospective members in the community, the cooperation of nearby congregations, and a lot of door-to-door visiting by the organizing pastors.

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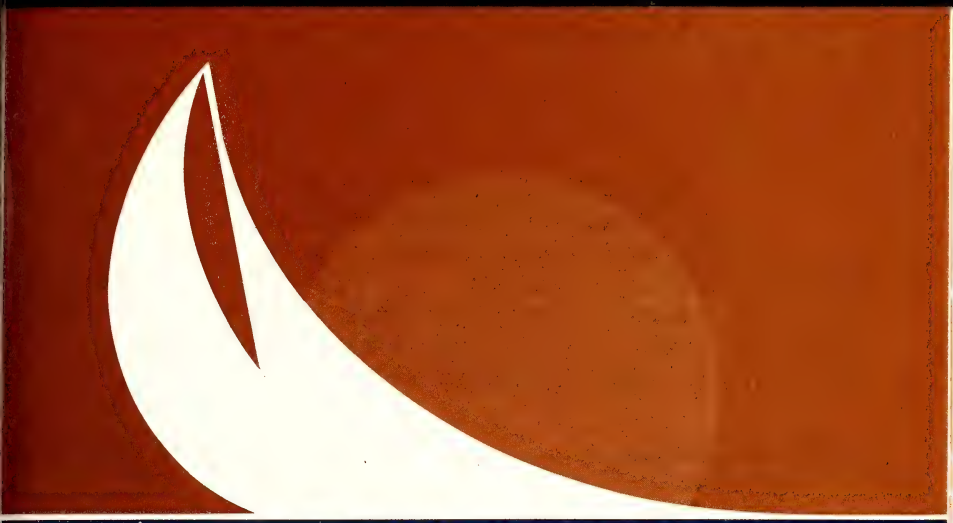

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to a lonely place,
and rest a while.

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August 5, 1979 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Morning Hymn Peeters

CALL TO WORSHIP

Solo Introit Gather Ye Who Would Worship
(Martha Matthews, Contralto)

Pastor: People shall come from every corner of the earth to praise the name of the Lord.

People: His glory shall come like a pent-up river, driven by the breath of God.

Unison: He comes to us as a Redeemer; he comes to all who turn to him.

Prayer of Invocation

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (all uniting)

Forgive us, our Father, when we are close-minded or just plain insensitive, when we cannot hear each other and will not listen to you. Help us to look and listen, to perceive and understand. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*HYMN 263 "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

THE LIVING WORD

Old Testament Jeremiah 23:1-6

New Testament Ephesians 2:12-22

THE SPOKEN WORD

Solo Come, Ye Blessed Scott
(Martha Matthews, Contralto)

Sermon The Walls Come Tumbling Down Dr. Hamilton

THE WORD OF PRAYER
Hymn 269 "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"
The Pastoral Prayer
PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory Gradual for Morning Service Manz
Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own
Dedication of Gifts
GOING OUT TO SERVE
Hymn 265 "O God, Within Whose Sight"
Benediction
Congregational Response The Doxology

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Lewis R. Drumm in memory of their mothers, Mrs. Emma F. Tong and Mrs. Sarah R. Drumm.

TODAY: 6:00 Church Family Softball at College Field
6:30 Finance Committee
7:30 Board of Deacons

CIRCLES of the Women's Fellowship meet tomorrow. Circles 1,2, and 3 meet at 11:00 a.m. for individual circle meetings followed by the program and a covered-dish luncheon at noon. Circles 4, 5, and 6 meet at 6:30 p.m. for a covered-dish supper followed by the program and individual circle meetings.

NEXT SUNDAY, our congregation and the Elon First Baptist Church will hold a pulpit exchange. We are pleased for your opportunity to meet their new pastor, the Rev. Mr. Bruce Martin.

FAMILY NIGHT is next Sunday evening at 7:00.

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 5, 1979

MARK 6:30-34

Paul Tillich once said that we tend to think of the basic religious question as, "What must I *do*? What must I do to be saved? To inherit eternal life? To find God?" That concern is basic, said Tillich. But more fundamental is the question, "Whence can I receive? Whence can I receive grace, power, and faith to become what I must and do what I ought if I am to know salvation, eternal life, and God?" Jesus alternated teaching and prayer, doing God's work and opening himself to God's power, acting and resting. In God's economy, both are essential for health of the soul.

PRIORITIES FOR AMERICAN INDIANS

The Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM) of the United Church of Christ recently established four priorities:

- The strengthening of U.C.C. Indian Congregations in North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.
- The development of the Native American Theological Association founded by CAIM, now interdenominational, to provide leadership training at the United Theological Seminary, Cook Christian Training School, and at a number of other locations.
- The support of urban Indian ministries, including the establishment of a new urban Indian congregation.
- The addressing of public issues, such as the energy crisis, that affect the lives of Native Americans.

The Council for American Indian Ministry is a recognized agency of the United Church of Christ. It works closely with the U.C.C. Executive Council, the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, and other U.C.C. agencies. CAIM is supported largely through the annual Neighbors in Need all-church offering.

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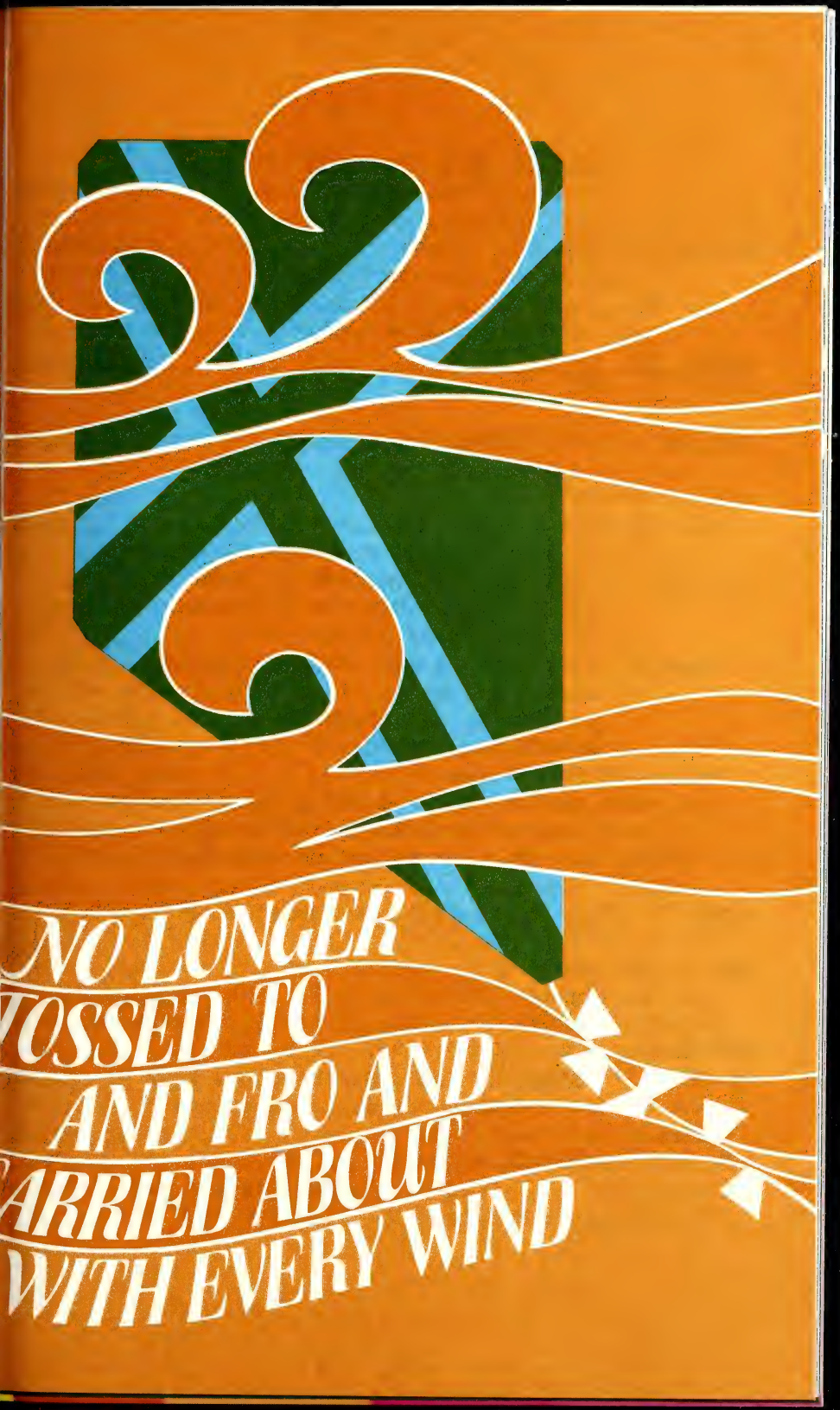
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August 12, 1979 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Adagio For Organ Albinoni

CALL TO WORSHIP

Solo Introit Come, Celebrate This Morn Bach
(Brenda Brantley, Soprano)

Leader: This is what God says of himself: "I am the Lord and there is no other. Besides me there is no God;

People: I strengthen you; I make the light; I create darkness; I am author alike of prosperity and trouble. I, the Lord, do all these things." (Isaiah 45:5-6)

Prayer of Invocation (All Uniting)

Be with us now, our God and Father. Though we are not your only children, we would be entirely yours. So bless us in our worship for Jesus' sake. Amen.

*HYMN 8 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

THE LIVING WORD

Old Testament Exodus 3:1-17
New Testament Matthew 6:24-33

THE SPOKEN WORD

Solo Sing, My Soul, His Wondrous Love Roehm
(Brenda Brantley, Soprano)

Sermon Pastor Martin

THE WORD OF PRAYER

Hymn 333 "Father Almighty, Bless Us"
The Pastoral Prayer

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory — Peeters

Congregational Response — We Give Thee But Thine Own

Dedication of Gifts

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn 87 "God Moves In A Mysterious Way"

Benediction

Congregational Response — The Doxology

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Mr. H. E. Whitesell, Sr. by Mrs. H. E. Whitesell, Sr.

WE ARE PLEASED to welcome to our pulpit today the Rev. Mr. Bruce Martin, as he and our Pastor exchange pulpits for the day. Reverend Martin has served Elon College's First Baptist Church as Pastor since April 1. We also express our appreciation to Ms. Brenda Brantley for her ministry of music and to Mr. Louis Wilkins who is liturgist of the day.

TODAY: 6:00 Church Family Softball at College Field
7:00 Watermelon-slicing

THE FAMILY NIGHT at 7:00 this evening will be a watermelon-slicing and is sponsored by the Board of Deacons. Join us at the Parish House.

YOU ARE INVITED to participate with the Women's Fellowship in collecting good, light-weight clothing (cotton or cotton blends) for Angolan refugees now living in Zambia. Articles may be placed on the table near the church office until next Sunday.

ARTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow.

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 12, 1979

EPHESIANS 4:1-6, 11-16

The kite on the cover was inspired by New Testament images of being tossed to and fro on currents of competing belief. Think how you fly a kite. You want a lift of wind, a mooring of line, the ballast of a tail, and crossribs to make your kite strong. Blown around today in nihilist, hedonist, and secular crosscurrents, humankind needs the steady lift of Christian faith. Morally adrift, our nation needs to be moored in the ethics of answerable love. Buffeted by conflict, grief, and pain, we need the stability of Godward trust. Threatened by our own finitude and sin, we need reinforcement by the indwelling Christ.

WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

The breaking of bread, the giving of thanks, the feeding of hungry people—are all acts so identified with Jesus that churches have always carried on these forms of witness and service. The breaking of bread is an outreaching act, gathering people from beyond the immediate circle, people we have never met, people from surprising times and places. We know that every time we join together at the Lord's Table we are linked with every other person who has ever confessed Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

When we join with other Christians to serve people who hunger for physical bread, or who hunger for justice, or for a deeper understanding of Christian faith, again we are part of a host of believers.

The unity we have experienced in so doing led to the formation of the World Council of Churches. Through this organization of nearly 300-member denominations, with 400 million members, we seek a greater unity in witness and evangelism, in serving human need, and in promoting justice, liberation, and the renewal of Christ's Church.

James Andrews
Stated Clerk
Presbyterian Church, U.S.

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THE BREAD OF GOD GIVES LIFE TO THE WORLD

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August 19, 1979 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE To Thee Be Glory Brahms

CALL TO WORSHIP

Choral Introit All Praise to Thee Stanford

Pastor: This is God's world. He has a vision for it, a vision of a peaceable kingdom.

People: Nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war anymore.

Unison: As people of God, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Prayer of Invocation

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (all uniting)

Forgive us, our Father, for thinking your will so narrow, your understanding so small, your mercy so rigid, that whole, full lives can not be lived in your presence. In Christ you have taught us otherwise Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*HYMN 365 "Faith of Our Fathers"

THE LIVING WORD

Old Testament Exodus 16:2-4,11-15

New Testament John 6:25-35

THE SPOKEN WORD

Anthem The Man Who Once Has Found Abode Tallis

Sermon <u>Bread For Today</u> Dr. Hamilton

THE WORD OF PRAYER

Hymn 503 "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

The Pastoral Prayer

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Hymn To God Pachelbel

Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own

Dedication of Gifts

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn 93 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Benediction

Congregational Response The Doxology

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Mr. R. Paul Everette, Sr. by Mrs. Everette.

TODAY: 6:00 Church Family Softball at College Field
7:00 Music Committee

THE ADULT CHOIR rehearses Wednesday evenings at 7:30. New voices are welcomed.

CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES in each age group resume next Sunday. We will all meet in the sanctuary at 9:45.

DAILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDES for September-October are available in the narthex.

NEXT SUNDAY the coaches and players of the Elon College Fighting Christians will be visiting with us. Please plan to introduce yourself and to welcome them.

ADDRESSES are needed for all our young people who will be attending college. Please call the church office.

HOSPITALIZED: Mr. James Griswold at Memorial and Dr. W. W. Snyder at County.

MEALS-ON-WHEELS are delivered by our members this week.

THE PASTOR will be out of town Monday to Wednesday. In any emergency or need he may be reached by calling the church office or the parsonage.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 19, 1979

JOHN 6:24-35

Bread: sign of our dependence on the natural world—its soil, seed, and seasons. Bread: token of interdependence between farmers, truckers, millers, bakers, bankers, merchants, and buyers. Bread: a cry for "Justice!" against the affluent minority of a world with food enough for all people, yet where millions suffer and die of hunger. Bread: focus for community when the Church gathers to break a common loaf and remember a broken Lord. Bread of God: divinely bestowed truth and trust which satisfy our need for meaning and hope. Bread of life: the Christ to whom we pray, "Feed this hungering world with your life-giving bread."

TURNING LIFE AROUND IN TARSUS

Tarsus, the ancient city in Southern Turkey from which came the apostle Paul, has in the past several years been the location of an agricultural project that is now a model for the entire area. The project came about, in large measure, because of the efforts of Mr. Altan Zeki Unver and the Development Foundation of Turkey, which he established. Altan is a graduate of the American School for Boys in Tarsus, which has long been related to our United Church Board for World Ministries. The Board has also assisted the Foundation from time to time with grants.

What began as a small chicken-raising project in one village now has grown ten-fold and includes projects in an ever-increasing number of rural villages. The projects now include a feed mill, a hatchery, and other buildings and grounds. Production (83.6% of eggs producing healthy live chicks), rivals the record of comparable modern European farms. An Agricultural Bank and a Credit Union have been established and are now enabling villagers to purchase needed household appliances.

Life in this area around Tarsus has truly turned around for the villagers. And you, through your support, provide funds for both education and development in Turkey.

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August 26, 1979 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Fantasia for Organ Young

CALL TO WORSHIP Bryan Burney

Choral Introit Not Alone For Mighty Empire

Leader: The Lord God Almighty is ruler of every universe. He is Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of all peoples.

People: Yet he has given us minds to seek him and hearts to love him.

Unison: He has made us restless until we rest in him.

Prayer of Invocation (all uniting)

Give us now, O God, the vision of a steadying Christ and composure in his presence. Then may our energies be expended in holy worship and faithful service. Amen.

*HYMN 446 "God the Omnipotent"

THE LIVING WORD

Old Testament Isaiah 53:1-9 Bruce Morgan

New Testament Matthew 10:25-33 David Vaughn

THE SPOKEN WORD

Anthem Lighten the Darkness Gibbons

Sermon <u>You Are Numbered</u> Dr. Hamilton

THE WORD OF PRAYER

Hymn 400 "More Love To Thee, O Christ"

The Pastoral Prayer

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Solo Happy Is The Man Thiman
(William Ginn, Baritone)

Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own

Dedication of Gifts

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn 63 "Lord, Dismiss Us" (st. 1,2)

Benediction

Congregational Response The Doxology

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Dr. and Mrs. Paul Cheek in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Lloyd and Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Cheek.

WE ARE PLEASED to greet and welcome the players and coaches of the 1979 Fighting Christians of Elon College. Three of the players, Bryan Burney, David Vaughn, and Bruce Morgan, are assisting as liturgists.

TODAY: 6:30 Finance Committee
7:00 Music Committee
7:30 Christian Education Committee

CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES resumed this morning after a summer on a reduced schedule. There is a class for every age group.

HOSPITALIZED: Mr. John Barney at Duke.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. Phil Edgerton and grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Howard Edgerton upon the birth of Jesse W. Edgerton on August 23.

ADDRESSES are needed for all our young people who will be attending college. Please call the church office.

ARTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow.

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 26, 1979

I KINGS 19:4-8

See Elijah run for his life! He is worn out by conflict with prophets of Baal, Israel's apostate cult. He is in terror of Israel's alien queen. In the wilderness, he is overcome by self-pity. Hear Elijah groan: "I might as well be dead!" But sleep, not death, comes to him. Then an angel twice calls: "Wake up and eat. Get up and eat." Elijah is refreshed by solitude, sleep, and food. He returns to the prophetic struggle and fulfills his prophetic task. What renews you? Rest? Faith in Christ? Prayer? The eucharistic bread? Doing God's will? Feeling God's love in others' love? It is all there for you. "Arise and eat."

A MINISTRY IN PUBLIC EDUCATION

As Christians we have a deep interest in what happens in the public schools of our land. We are concerned about the quality of education provided as well as the ethical values that are encouraged in the primary and secondary schools to which we send our children.

Through United Ministries in Higher Education (UMHE), in coalition with Ministries in Public Education (MPE), many of our concerns are now being addressed: educational purpose, moral education, teacher preparation, desegregation, and academic standards.

As a part of this ministry, Dr. Harld Viehman, educator and theologian, assists local churches and schools in dealing with significant questions in education. He has, for example, led a series of consultations on school desegregation—in Kansas City, New York, Los Angeles, Columbus, Syracuse, and Des Moines. Other persons, as a part of this ministry, are working with the National Education Association, the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, and the National Center for Quality Integrated Education.

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ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
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Mrs. Mary Alice Bragg, Director of Music
Jeff Price and Andre Wilkins, Acolytes

September 2, 1979 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Ein' feste burg Walthe

CALL TO WORSHIP

Choral Introit As You Have Promised, Lord

Pastor: The beginning of wisdom is to revere the Lord; to know him is to have true understanding.

People: He gives us the days of our years, the days in which we are to know him and live according to his commandments.

Unison: Praise the Lord, mighty in his holiness and mercy!

Prayer of Invocation (all unitin

Give us now, O God, the vision of a steadying Christ and composure in his presence. Then may our energies be expended in holy worship and faithful service. Amen.

*HYMN 6 "O Worship the King"

THE LIVING WORD

Old Testament Proverbs 9:1-

New Testament Ephesians 4:31-5:2

THE SPOKEN WORD

Anthem Great is the Lord Davi

Sermon Who is the Wise? Dr. Hamilto

THE WORD OF PRAYER

Hymn 485 "This is My Father's World"

The Pastoral Prayer

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Solo Agnus Dei from Mass in G Schubert
(Denise Joines, Soprano)

* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own

* Dedication of Gifts

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn 98 "My God, I Thank Thee"

* Benediction

* Congregational Response The Doxology

* Indicates when the congregation stands.

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended to all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting that you sign the guest register in the narthex. You are greeted at the door by Mr. J. Mark McAdams and Mr. Howard Edgerton.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Sophia Maude Sharpe Powell by the family.

TODAY: 7:30 Board of Deacons

ELON COLLEGE STUDENTS will be arriving this week. As we prepare to welcome them next Sunday, we ask your assistance. Please plan to come a few minutes earlier to greet and welcome newcomers.

PERSONS who are interested in exploring church membership with us are invited to meet next Sunday morning at 9:45 in the Library-Conference Room.

CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES for all ages meet every Sunday at 9:45. Two assistant teachers are still needed.

ADDRESSES for our students attending college should be submitted to the church office.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 2, 1979

EPHESIANS 5:15-20

"Wherever white people touch the world they leave it sore." That judgment of an American Indian woman may be a bit severe. But it is documented by the experience of natives in southern Africa and peoples who lived in this hemisphere when the Europeans began to arrive. Wherever foolish and unjust humans have touched the world, the earth has been injured and its inhabitants have been hurt. But the work of God's Spirit has the intention of creating in all people—black, brown, red, yellow, and white—the ability to act wisely and justly. And wherever Spirit-filled people touch the world, the world learns to sing.

LABOR SUNDAY

For nearly seventy years, churches in the United States have observed this as Labor Sunday, an appropriate time to consider the "labor question." "Labor" has been often narrowly defined as blue-collar work, the work that women and men do primarily with their hands. Labor, however, can also mean whatever one does to contribute to the common good, whether in a paid job or in some unpaid task, whether in one of the union-organized trades or in some highly trained profession.

Our society—and our churches—depend upon all kinds of labor. Some may be more challenging to one person than to another, some more demanding of time and energy, some requiring more formal education. But all, if it contributes to the common good, has dignity and value. Recall also, however, that there are those for whom such labor is only seasonal or not available at all.

Labor Sunday is an opportune time to express appreciation for what each does for the good of all, a time to rejoice in God-given capabilities and in opportunities given or made. It is also a time to consider how the church can sustain and help those who would work but lack a job as well as ask how we can give dignity and meaning to those who are unable to work at all.

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Choose
this day whom
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September 9, 1979 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Prelude and Fugue in e minor Bach

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit At the Name of Jesus
Prayer of Invocation (in unison)
O Lord our God, help us to live as growing Christia who believe and trust in the forgiveness of sins and the resurrection to life eternal; and strengthen in this faith and hope all the days of our life. Amen
* Hymn 352 "Lift Up Your Hearts!"

THE LIVING WORD
Old Testament Joshua 24:14-18
Gospel Reading John 6:60-69
Epistle Reading Ephesians 5:21-33
The Anthem Solo King David H. Howells
(Ellen Williams, Soprano)

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Anthem Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord Mendelssohn
* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

THE SPOKEN WORD
Ritual of Friendship
Welcome
Hymn 328 "The Lord is Rich and Merciful"
Sermon How Long Will You Go Limping Along?

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn 363 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Benediction

Choral Response Holy, Holy, Holy

*Indicates when the congregation will stand

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome those of the Elon College students, faculty, and staff who can be with us. Attending the Guest Register as Church Hostess is Mrs. Phyllis Young. Greeters of the Day are Mrs. Adelia Truitt and Mr. Mack Lackey. The Rev. William G. Long, Dean of Student Affairs, is our Liturgist.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Waverly Hughes.

TODAY: 4:00 Executive Board of Women's Fellowship
6:30 Senior Hi Youth
6:30 Finance Committee
7:00 Music Committee
7:30 Outreach Committee

THE QUARTERLY MEETING of the Women's Fellowship is tomorrow evening at 7:30.

THE CLASS exploring Church Membership will meet the next two Sunday mornings at 9:45.

OUR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION INTERN, Ms. Jill Bennett, began work with us this week. She will meet with interested Senior Hi Youth this evening at 6:30.

THE ADULT CHOIR rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 and the Children's Choir on Sunday mornings at 9:30.

THE THRIFT SHOP is open to the Church and Community the first and third Saturday mornings at 10:30 and other times by appointment.

ARTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 9, 1979

JOSHUA 24:14-18

Life has many "thresholds." Abraham's and Sarah's trek from Ur to Canaan, the life of Jesus, the Protestant Reformation, the rise of the Greek city-state, the French and American revolutions, the work of scientists in the twentieth-century—these are hinge-points of history. Thresholds set personal lives in cement, in quicksand, or on a highway of happiness: the choice of career, marriage, the adoption of a dominant lifestyle. No threshold is more critical than the decision of what loyalty will govern our lives. Choose God. Make every other choice in light of that choice. That will set your life on a path of love, power, peace, and joy.

LEARNING WITH OTHER DENOMINATIONS

One year after the introduction of educational resources called Christian Education: Shared Approaches (CE:SA), positive results can be seen. Noticeable benefits include a renewed commitment to the ministry of teaching, more sharply focused educational goals for individual congregations, a choice of approaches to Christian teaching and learning with accompanying curriculum resources that are biblically, theologically, and educationally sound, and a stronger network of church teacher training and support.

One of the greatest benefits of CE:SA has been the opportunity to enrich local Christian education efforts in very practical ways across denominational lines. In the Washington, D.C. area, for example, a Christian education resource-center is jointly sponsored by three denominations. Four inter-denominational training workshops for CE:SA teachers brought together more than 725 participants from almost 100 congregations. Geographical clusters of congregations using the same curriculum have organized to share community-based teacher-training efforts. In CE:SA partnerships we are strengthened for offering the educational ministry our best strategies and resources.

Martha M. Stevenson
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Bradley Hill United Presbyterian Church
Bethesda, Maryland

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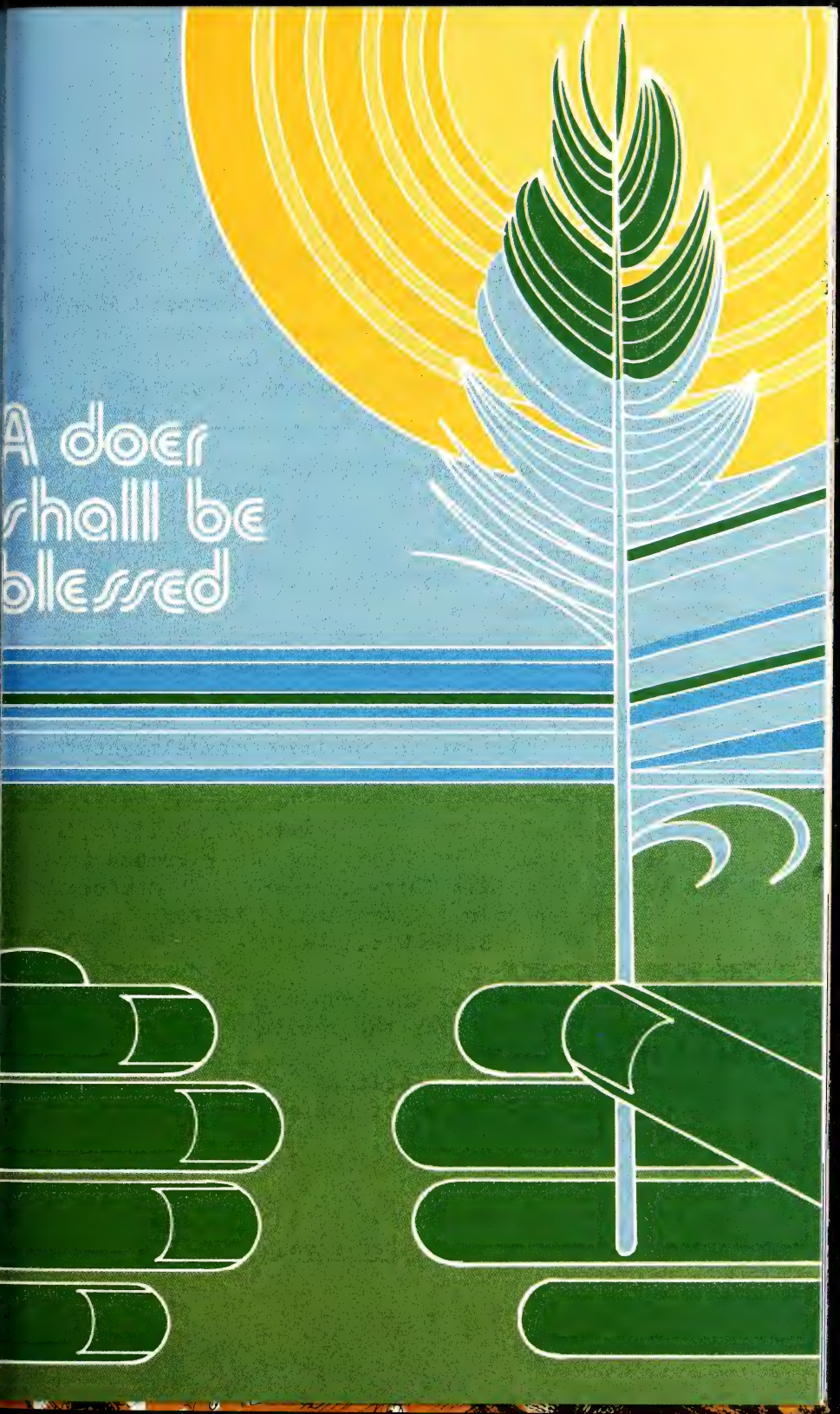
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Alan Young and Chris Vickers, Acolytes

September 16, 1979 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Nun Danket Alle Gott Bach

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit Not Alone for Mighty Empire
Prayer of Invocation (all uniting)
O God of faithfulness, grant us now the gift of faith that we may receive mercy and grace to help in every time of need. We offer our prayer in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.
* Hymn 15 "Praise To the Lord, the Almighty"

THE LIVING WORD
Old Testament Deuteronomy 4:1,2,5-8
Gospel Reading Mark 7:1-8,14,15,21-23
Epistle Reading Romans 12:1-8
The Anthem Lift Thine Eyes Mendelssohn
(Denise Joines, Mary Anne Johnston
Ellen Williams)

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Arioso Bach
* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

THE SPOKEN WORD
Ritual of Friendship
Welcome
Hymn 353 "Lord, I Want to be a Christian"
Sermon Making Moral Decisions Dr. Hamilton

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn 375 "Lead on, O King Eternal"

* Benediction

* Choral Response A Blessing Shaw

* Indicates when the congregation will stand

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Lankford in memory of Marsha.

TODAY: 7:00 Senior Hi Youth
7:30 Christian Education Committee

OUR LITURGIST TODAY is Ms. Jill Bennett who is our Intern in Christian Education. Among other things, she is supervisor of our Senior Hi Youth Programming.

THE ADULT CHOIR rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 and the Children's Choir on Sunday mornings at 9:30.

THE CLASS exploring Church Membership will meet the next two Sunday mornings at 9:45.

FAMILY NIGHT, sponsored by the Christian Education Committee for the whole congregation, will be September 30 at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish House. You are asked to bring covered dishes of your choice.

HOSPITALIZED : Mr. Bill Gabriel at County.

CHURCH WORSHIP: 11:00 a.m.
CHURCH SCHOOL: 9:45 a.m.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 16, 1979

JAMES 1:19-25

"Wordy religion." That phrase is an epithet. It summons pictures of "pious" slave-traders heaping cruelty on helpless blacks, church-going financiers rigging the market to rob investors, "devout" contractors, union leaders, government officers, and business executives giving and taking bribes. "Doers of the word." That phrase is a benediction. It calls to mind such courage as Lincoln's, integrity like the financier's who said that his business might be for sale but never his conscience, faithfulness like that of Christians who accept the risk and cost of learning what God wills and doing it. Such doers are blessed indeed!

MISSION AS A VERB

Programs for the handicapped are high on all denominational agendas today. A unique experience at First Presbyterian Church, Omaha, may serve as a model for other churches.

Ten persons from First Church had dinner and an evening of fellowship with twenty persons from the deaf community nearby. Four persons skilled in sign language were present and were seated at each of the four tables. They had little time to eat, so busy were they in helping the communication between the two groups.

Decisions were made as a result of the evening's experience: support of Bill 101, before the Nebraska Legislature, which would provide more funds to aid the deaf; a Bible class for the deaf, with emphasis on the Old Testament; provision for sign language at First Church Sunday worship services.

The evening began with some anxiety on the part of the two groups newly brought together. It ended with all praying and singing together, some with voices and many with hands.

Nancy Battye
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Mission Interpretation
United Presbyterian Church

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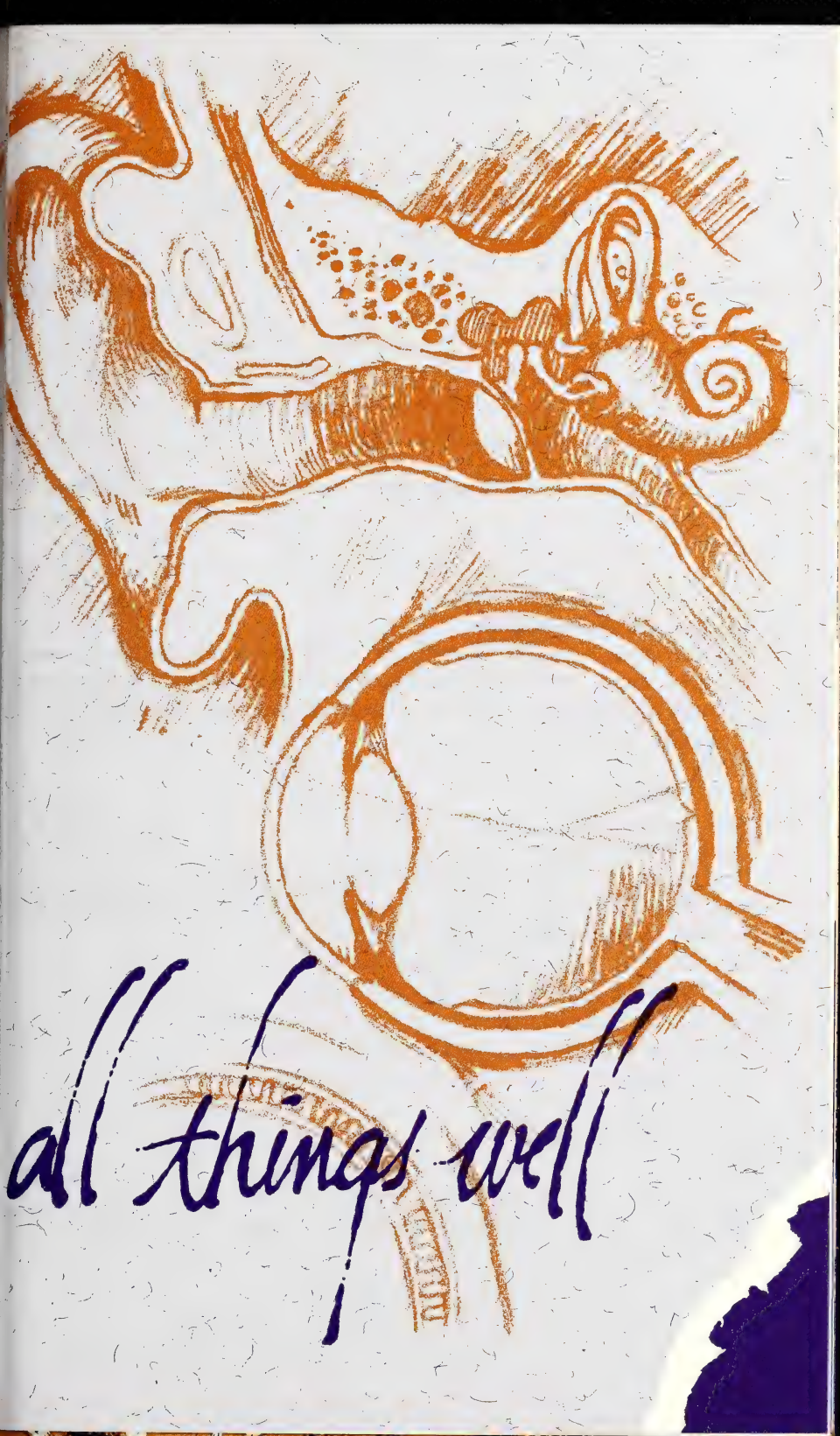
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Mary Anne Johnston, Director of Children's Choir
Greg Price and Dan Hamilton, Acolytes

September 23, 1979 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE King of Kings to All Lands Schneider

PRAISE TO GOD
Choral Introit Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow
Call to Worship
Prayer of Invocation
Unto thy temple, Lord, we come to worship thee; and pray that this may be our home until we touch eternity. Dwell with us in this place, Thou and thy Christ, to guide and bless. Amen.
* Hymn 66 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

THE LIVING WORD
Old Testament Isaiah 35
Gospel Reading Mark 7:32-37
The Anthem What Does the Lord Require? E. Routley
The Statement of Faith (All uniting)

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Adagio for Organ Bach
* Congregational Response We Give Thee but Thine Own
* Prayer of Dedication

THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome
Hymn 87 "God Moves in a Mysterious Way"
Sermon He Does All Things Well Dr. Hamilton

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn 68 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

Benediction

Choral Response Lord, Bless our Homes Evans

* Indicates when the congregation will stand

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Walter C. Perry, Jr. by Mrs. Estelle Perry and family.

ALL SENIOR HI YOUTH are invited to meet at 5:45 today in the church parking lot to go "Putt-Putting." Please bring $1.50. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the parsonage.

ELEVEN of our members are participating in the Conference Heritage Bus Tour to New England. Today they are attending the historic United Church of Christ in Farmington, Connecticut.

THE CERAMICS CLASS for novices begins Tuesday evening at 7:00. Interested persons should contact Sara Dodson.

THE BIKE-A-THON to benefit the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital will be held Saturday from 8:00 a.m. until dusk at the college track. Participants may ride any number of miles.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. Michael P. Grant and Grandmother Mrs. Estelle Perry upon the birth of Michael Clark Grant on September 17 . . . and to Dr. James B. Powell and Barbara B. Atwater whose Service of Marriage was celebrated here September 21.

NEXT SUNDAY, new members will be received . . .The Family Night Covered-Dish Supper will be held at 6 p.m.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 23, 1979

MARK 7:31-37

"Astonished beyond measure" were the eye-witnesses who saw Jesus restore hearing to the deaf man in Decapolis. Through science, today, ear specialists and hearing-aid technicians accomplish remarkable cures of deafness. But who can match Christ's power to cure deaf souls? As Jesus has opened the ears of Mother Therese and Martin Luther Jr., so he opens our ears until we hear the cry of the oppressed and poverty-ridden, "the still, sad music of humanity." He helps us to hear the "still small voice" of God that summons us to struggle for a more just and humane world. Christ, indeed, does "all things well!"

THE NATA TWENTY-EIGHT

Twenty-eight American Indian students, seven of them members of the United Church of Christ, are now studying for the ministry under the Native American Theological Association (NATA), a new program whose purpose is to strengthen American Indian church leadership through education. An additional 600 American Indians will soon be able to utilize courses developed by NATA.

According to the Council for American Indian Ministry of the United Church of Christ, the greatest need of American Indian congregations is for trained leaders—leaders who must rise from among the Indians themselves, for only they can best understand the special problems of their people.

The NATA program is only one of the projects supported by the Council, whose $200,000 annual budget comes mainly from the Neighbors in Need all-church offering. The Council's work also includes support for twenty-three small mission-congregations serving American Indian communities in North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

The NIN offering, in addition to supporting CAIM, also underwrites the needs of several other homeland mission opportunities. This year, these include initiating community-betterment in urban areas, protecting the rights of those mentally retarded persons who are alleged to be criminal offenders, sensitizing community and church to the needs of our forgotten immigrant neighbors, and producing TV spot-announcements on the church's role in combating world hunger. Plan to be generous in your support of Neighbors in Need!

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God Helps Me

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Mark Ellis and Charles Wilkins, Acolytes

September 30, 1979 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE All Glory, Laud, and Honor Willan

PRAISE TO GOD

Pastor: Ask and it will be given to you. Search and you will find. Knock and the door will be opened for you.

People: For everyone who asks receives; everyone who searches finds; everyone who knocks finds the door opened for him.

Choir: Not Alone For Mighty Empires

Prayer of Invocation and Lord's Prayer

* Hymn 366 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS p.497

Affirmation of Membership

* The Statement of Faith

Prayer

Welcome

Right Hand of Fellowship

THE LIVING WORD OF SCRIPTURE

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 50:4-8

New Testament Unison Reading 134 p.548

THE WORD OF PRAYER

Hymn 276 "Unto Thy Temple, Lord, We Come"

The Silent Prayers of the People

The Pastor's Prayer for the People

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING

Offertory Trio For Organ C. P. E. Bach

* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

THE SPOKEN WORD OF INTERPRETATION

Anthem Praise We the Lord M. Shaw

Sermon <u>Courageous Servants</u> Dr. Hamilton

OING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn 372 "How Firm A Foundation"

Benediction

Choral Response Lord, Bless Our Homes Evans

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Foster and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Foster, Jr. by Mary Lee Foster.

TODAY: 5:40 Community Service Committee
6:00 Family Night in the Parish House

WE ARE PLEASED to receive today as members of our congregation Mr. and Mrs. William T. Beyer, Rev. and Mrs. William G. Long and Michele Long, Mrs. A. Wayne Smith, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard M. Timblin, and as Associate Members Mr. and Mrs. Mark R. Albertson.

CIRCLES of the Women's Fellowship meet this week as follows: Circle 1 with Mrs. Dorothy Clem
Circle 2 with Mrs. Gladys Hughes
Circle 3 with Mrs. Verona Danieley
Circle 4 with Mrs. Mary Fabian
Circle 5 with Mrs. Lois Bost
Circle 6 with Mrs. Carole Blake

THE SACRAMENT of Holy Communion will be celebrated here next Sunday as Christians around the globe unite for World Communion Sunday.

THE CROP-WALK, the Hunger Appeal of Church World Service, is next Sunday afternoon at 2:00. Registration forms may be secured from Ms. Bennett.

OTHER: Articles for "The Torch" are due tomorrow. . . The Thrift Shop will be open to church and community Saturday at 10:30 a.m.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 30, 1979

ISAIAH 50:4-9

"God helps me." You can say that and make too trite a thing of it, trying to harness the Almighty to petty projects and wrong enterprises. Not so the prophet! He knew that to say and do what God wanted could bring from others ridicule, insult, and torture. Nevertheless, he faithfully did what God gave him to do and, while doing it, found God standing by him. His experience foreshadowed Jesus. For Jesus, God's help was not magic to be used in gaining popularity, health, wealth, and power. It was when Jesus ran the risk of criticism, conflict, and death in his struggle to know, do, and say what God wills that Jesus found God's help.

ADDRESSING NEEDS OF NEW IMMIGRANTS

Most members of the United Church of Christ are part of the predominately white-majority population of the United States. We share one fact, however, with more recent immigrants—our forebears called someplace else home. Like new immigrants of today, our forebears often faced hostility, social and economic injustices, employment discrimination, inadequate housing, absence of social services, and a need for bilingual education.

The United Church of Christ and its predecessor bodies have long been concerned with the plight of such people. Our variety of ethnic congregations and caucuses can provide a bridge to mission with newly arrived groups. The 1979 Neighbors in Need all-church offering has as one of its goals the development of a program to address the needs and the social and economic injustices faced by new immigrants from Asia, Pacific Islands, Latin America, and the Caribbean. The program will provide information, interpretation, and advocacy for such persons within the United Church of Christ and in the community-at-large.

The NIN offering also supports the work of our UCC Council for American Indian Ministry and other homeland needs, including this year: initiating community-betterment for urban communities, protecting the rights of those mentally retarded persons who are alleged to be criminal offenders, and producing TV spot announcements on the church's role in combating world hunger. Plan to give generously to the Neighbors in Need all-church offering!

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RECEIVE ONE SUCH CHILD IN MY NAME

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Ms. Anna Rose Marino, Guest Organist
Bert Barbee and Alan Young, Acolytes

October 7, 1979 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Adoration T. Dubois

CALL TO WORSHIP Dr. Hamilton
Choral Introit Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
UNISON PRAYER
May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, for you are our strength and our redeemer. Amen.
*HYMN 251 "Holy, Holy, Holy!"

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 26:20-30

ANTHEM SOLO Sing With Grace in Your Heart Handel
(Mrs. Peggy Lackey, Soprano)
THE SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Lord's Prayer (in unison)
THE DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory Solo Come to the Waters Handel
* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own
* Prayer of Dedication
MEDITATION Reformation Heritage: Communion Dr. Fields

THE SERVICE OF COMMUNION
The Invitation of Christ
Communion Collect
General Confession (all uniting) Hymnal, p. 495
Assurance of Pardon
Words of Institution
Distribution of the Elements
* Thanksgiving

HYMN 287 "Here, O My Lord"

BENEDICTION
Choral Response The Doxology

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Lila Claire Newman by Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Butler, Jr., Mary Anne and Anita.

WE WELCOME to our pulpit today Dr. Clyde Fields, Director of Church Relations of Elon College. Dr. Fields will also be available during most of the month for pastoral services. We are pleased also for the return of Anna Rose Marino as Guest Organist.

DR. AND MRS. HAMILTON leave tomorrow to visit mission sites in the Middle East where they will also attend the Middle East Council of Churches Meeting as denominational delegates.

THE HOLY COMMUNION is served today to all confirmed members of Christ's Church. We celebrate "open communion" inviting all professing Christians to join us in this Sacrament of Faith.

TODAY: 7:00 Senior Hi Youth
7:00 Personnel Committee
7:30 Outreach Committee

THE ENC ASSOCIATION MEETING will be held Wednesday at Mt. Calvary UCC, Durham. Our delegates are Mrs. Bertie Fields, Mrs. Ruth Hurst, and Mrs. Della Scott.

CROP-WALKERS will gather this afternoon at the Williams Stadium.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 7, 1979

MARK 9:30-37

When a five-year-old girl saw a Van Gogh painting of the Crucifixion, she was furious. How, she asked, could people do a thing like that? In her own vulnerability, she identified with the wounded Jesus. As we recall our vulnerable Lord at Communion, today, can we make children our special concern? We can vow to see that our church provides for them as adequately as it does for us, to train parents for bearing their role with wisdom and skill, to work for policies and programs that get more adequate food, education, and medical care to impoverished children in the United States and abroad. "Receive . . . in my name."

OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED

Each year, the Neighbors in Need all-church offering of the United Church of Christ provides aid for a variety of homeland projects. In 1979, NIN will support:

- *Community-Betterment in Urban Areas,* a project of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries to develop, encourage, and support community organization in at least four local areas to work on neighborhood problems.
- *Rights for Mentally Retarded Alleged Criminal Offenders,* a project of the Commission for Racial Justice cooperating with the UCBHM, the Office for Church in Society, and the Office of Communication to sensitize congregations and communities, law enforcement agencies and local governments to the need of mentally retarded persons for special care when they are accused of or convicted of criminal offenses.
- *Aid for Newly-Arrived Immigrants,* a project of the Office of Church in Society to address the needs and the social and economic injustices faced by new immigrants from Asia, Pacific Islands, Latin America, and the Caribbean.
- *Ministries for American Indians,* the ongoing work of the UCC Council for American Indian Ministry in American Indian communities and in urban settings.
- *Television Spot Announcements on the Church's Role in Combating World Hunger,* a new project of the Office of Communication.

When you are asked to support the Neighbors in Need all-church offering, be generous in your response. Many congregations receive a special offering for NIN each year on the first Sunday in October. If your congregation does not, inquire as to how you may make your gift to help these Neighbors in Need.

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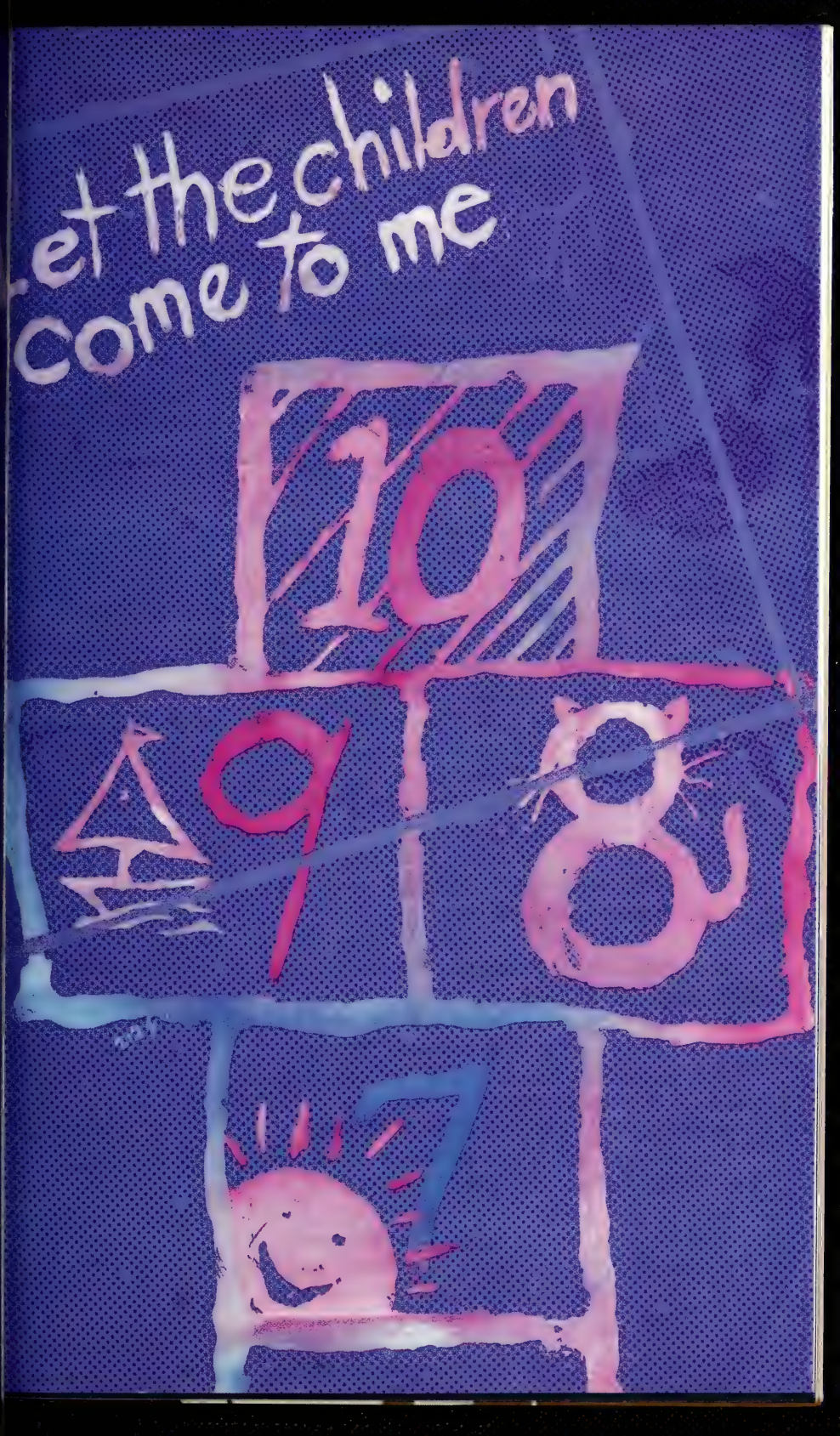

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October 14, 1979 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Prelude and Fugue in a minor Bach

PRAISE TO GOD

Leader: Let us worship God. He made the day to follow the night.
People: Praise God for the day and the night.
Leader: On the seventh day God rested.
People: Praise God for rest, and for work, and for this day on which we thank him for all our days.
Choir: At The Name Of Jesus
Prayer of Invocation
* Hymn 97 "God of Our Life"

THE LIVING WORD OF SCRIPTURE

Old Testament Readings Isaiah 43:1-7
Zechariah 3:1-4
New Testament Reading Romans 8:31-39

THE WORD OF PRAYER

Hymn 234 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastoral Prayer for the People

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING

Offertory Adoramus te Peeters
Congregation We Give Thee But Thine Own

THE SPOKEN WORD OF INTERPRETATION

Welcome
Anthem Great is Jehovah Davis
Sermon Unconditional Love Dr. Fields

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn 307 "For All The Saints"
* Benediction
* Congregational Response The Doxology

* Indicates when the congregation will stand

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended to all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting that you sign the Guest Register. Greeters of the Day are George Noah and Ralph Oxford.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God to Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Hunter and Richard A. Hunter by Dorothy Hunter Walker and Marjorie Hunter.

FOLLOWING THE SERVICE of Worship, you are invited to the Parish House for an informal "coffee-time", sponsored by the Outreach Committee.

TODAY: 7:00 Senior Hi Youth
7:00 Music Committee

PLEASE SECURE from the narthex table your quarterly statements of financial contributions.

THE FUN CLUB will meet here Tuesday at 9:45 a.m. to go visit the North Carolina Zoo. Please bring a sack lunch.

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE meets Monday night at 8:00.
THE THRIFT SHOP will be open on Saturday morning at 10:30.
HOSPITALIZED : John Barney at Duke
MEALS-ON-WHEELS are delivered by our members this week.

TORCH ARTICLES are due in the church office tomorrow.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 21, 1979

MARK 10:2-16

How can the church help children to be drawn to Jesus? For one thing, we can really *see* them. Until they run in our cemetery, mark up our walls, or scream outside the window during worship, we may be blind to them. We can *prize* children. They are worth as much to God as we are. We should have a god-like feeling for their worth. We can *learn* from them. Children have much to teach about simplicity, openness, candor, and trust. We can see *the whole life of the church* for what it is: something that wrongly or rightly interprets Jesus so that children get hindered or are helped to find a lifetime attraction to him.

WORLD ORDER AND PEACE

The 1979 theme for World Order and Peace Sunday, a Sunday sponsored by member denominations of the National Council of the Churches of Christ, is "The Law of the Sea." The purpose is to engage discussion of a United Nations priority to preserve the sea as part of our common heritage, make it free from exploitation and pollution, protect it from the ravages of those with little vision who seek only immediate gain and power.

The subject is of particular relevance to the churches because it recognizes Christian responsibility for the judicious stewardship of God's creation: earth, sky, and sea. The churches are only beginning to discover ways to be advocates of an international Law of the Sea.

The question before God's people is, having lost our own innocence, is it possible to preserve that heritage? God's children are entitled to receive it, like the Kingdom, as a trust, with hope, anticipation, innocence, and enthusiasm.

Robert F. Smylie
Associate for Peace and International Affairs
United Presbyterian Church

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October 21, 1979 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Chorale for Keyboard Walther

PRAISE TO GOD Beth Wilkins

Leader: How great are the works of the Lord
who in wisdom has made them all.

People: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget
not all his benefits.

Leader: I will pay my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all the people.

People: I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call upon the name of the Lord.

Choir: Send Down Thy Truth Lovelace

Prayer of Invocation and Lord's Prayer

* Hymn 68 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

Anthem Awake, Arise, Go Forth and Rejoice Leaf

THE LIVING WORD OF SCRIPTURE Ken Harper

New Testament Reading Mark 10:17-23

THE WORD OF PRAYER

Hymn 245 "Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me"

The Silent Prayers of the People

The Pastoral Prayer for the People

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING

Offertory Solo Be Still and Know . . . Bitgood
(Mary Anne Johnston, Soprano)

* Congregation We Give Thee But Thine Own

THE SPOKEN WORD OF INTERPRETATION

Welcome

Anthem The Dulcimer Suite Davis

Sermon Time, Talent, and Treasure Dr. Danieley
Old Testament Story: II Kings, 5

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn 300 "Rise Up, O Men of God!"

* Benediction

* Congregational Response The Doxology

* Indicates when the congregation will stand.

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended to all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting that you sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Greeting you today are Mr. J. Mark McAdams and Mr. T. L. Smith.

THE FLOWERS are placed on the altar this morning to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Ken Harper, in honor of their mothers, Mrs. Olive Foster and Mrs. Pearl Harper.

WE ARE PLEASED to welcome to our pulpit today Dr. J. Earl Danieley, Moderator of our congregation and Professor of Chemistry at Elon College. Serving as Liturgists are Mrs. Louis Wilkins, Vice President of the Women's Fellowship, and Mr. Ken Harper, Vice Chairman of the Board of Deacons. We also extend thanks to our Children's Choir for its musical offering. Chris Bunting, Cris Bragg and Tommy Powell sang solo parts.

THIS WEEK

Tonight	7:00	Senior Hi Youth
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	CWU Bible Study
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Churchmen's Fellowship at St. Mark's
Thursday	7:30 p.m.	Cub Pack 51

AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX are your quarterly financial statements and also devotional guides for Nov./Dec.

CONTINUING AS A PATIENT at Duke is John Barney.

OUR PASTOR AND HIS WIFE have sent greetings to the states and are enjoying their trip. They are delegates to the Middle East Council of Churches and today are in Beirut, Lebanon. They return to us October 30.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 14, 1979

JAMES 5:1- 6

It is hard for us Christians in the United States to grasp the Bible's teaching about wealth. Most of us are far richer than most of the world's people today and richer than nearly all who ever lived. The Bible was written by people, poor by our standards, and addressed in behalf of the powerless and poor. Jesus was of Galilee's "middle class." But he owned nothing and neither did his closest followers. If we are serious about our Christianity, we should take a sober second look at the accumulation of wealth as a life priority and act to narrow the chasmic gap between the world's rich and its grindingly impoverished.

TURNING A DREAM INTO GREEN REALITY

When Olin Pendleton, pastor of the seventy-five member Kokokahi United Church of Christ in Kaneohe, Hawaii, got "fired up" about the fact that more people are dying of hunger in the tropics than in any other part of the world, he had a dream. He dreamed that the church's 4½ acres of property could use 2½ acres as an agricultural subsistence model to show that it could support a typical family in tropical rural areas. With the help of his congregation, two part-time staff persons, interested townspeople, college students and professors, and many skilled volunteers, that dream has turned into green reality in just three years.

Located on the north shore of Oahu, fifteen miles from Honolulu, the farm is now growing Amaranth (the grain of the ancient Aztecs), winged-beans (whose flowers, leaves, pods, and tubers are all edible) growing eight-feet-high on wire frames, edible hibiscus, and a wide variety of tropical, food-producing trees, plants, herbs, and vegetables—even edible weeds—from all parts of the Pacific area. The farm has two ponds where Chinese methods of agriculture thousands of years old are expected to provide a constant supply of fish for essential protein.

Pendleton's dream of developing self-help farming methods that can help to overcome hunger in tropical lands and this turning of the dream into reality have drawn the interest of agriculturists especially from the nearby University of Hawaii. What a wonderful example of what one person's dream—and a small congregation with a mission—can accomplish!

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October 28, 1979 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Morning Hymn Peeter

PRAISE TO GOD Isaiah 59:19,20 Dean David Joyc

Leader: People shall come from every corner of the earth to praise the name of the Lord.

People: God is our refuge and strength.

Leader: His glory shall come like a pent-up river, driven by the breath of God.

People: To him be blessing and honor, glory and might.

Choral Call to Worship

Create in Me, O God J. Brahm

Prayer of Invocation

* Hymn 363 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

THE LIVING WORD

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 6:1-

New Testament Reading Romans 5:1-

THE WORD OF PRAYER

The Silent Prayers of the People

The Pastoral Prayer for the People

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING

Offertory Anthem

There Shall A Star From Jacob F. Mendelssoh

Alfred Thomas, piano

The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

THE SPOKEN WORD

Welcome

Anthem Ye Followers of the Lamb E.E. Ferguso

Jennifer Snook, piano

Sermon My Faith Moment Dr. Fields

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn 218 "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

* Benediction

* Choral Dismissal Dona Nobis Pacem

* Indicates when the congregation will stand.

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended to all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors. Greeters of the Day are Dr. Philip R. Mann and Dr. J. Earl Danieley.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Dr. and Mrs. Fred Young in honor of parents of Elon College students on this Parents' Weekend.

WE ARE PLEASED to join with Elon College in the celebration of Parents' Weekend. The Elon College Choir, under the direction of Mr. James Glenn, is assisting in our worship today. We are also delighted to have the participation of Dean David Joyce.

TODAY: 7:00 Leadership Training School
7:00 Senior Hi Youth
7:30 Music Committee

A LEADERSHIP TRAINING SCHOOL will be held at St. Mark's Church from 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. this evening through Tuesday evening. Sessions will be offered on music, Bible study, and effective teaching. It's not too late.

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY, sponsored by Church Women United, will be held Friday at 10:30 a.m. at First Baptist Church (Apple Street), Burlington.

OTHER: We rejoice with Mr. A.L. Rich, who will celebrate his 96th birthday on Friday, November 2. . . Pledge cards and other information will be mailed to you this week. Please return them by November 11. . . Again, thank you to to Dr. Clyde Fields for serving us.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 28, 1979

HEBREWS 4:12-16

The "word of God" is God speaking in Jesus Christ, Scriptures, the universe that God has made, and the Spirit who helps us to see God's action in personal life and human history. God's word is not an old, irrelevant edict, bound in black, set in small type, and said so that only scholars can understand it. That word is promise—"I will never forsake you"—when we get sick, lonely, find life a mess, feel depression, grief, or guilt. It judges wrongdoing: private, public, personal, or social. God's word creates, not only at time's dawn, but by every happening throughout the cosmos and in nations' rise and fall.

REFORMATION SUNDAY

Reformation Sunday is an appropriate time to consider how John Calvin, the second-generation French reformer, saw material goods as instruments of God's providence. He understood wealth to be a sign of God's grace, and economics to be a means of organizing the productive life of a people to provide for the common good.

In Reformed Christian thought, money always puts a person to the test. Do we understand our living to be finally something we "make" by earning money and "secure" by accumulating more money? Or is money for us a "sign" that life and security are gifts of a gracious God?

We are further tested in the compassionate use of our wealth. "We are stewards of everything God has conferred on us by which we are able to help our neighbor, and are required to render account of our stewardship" (Calvin, *Institutes* III, 7, 5). Calvin called the poor "solicitors of God," sent to test the faith and charity of the wealthy, whom he called "the ministers" to the poor. He even suggested that theft was not only taking from another but refusing to give to one in need.

Neither Jesus nor John Calvin was familiar with the economic problems facing us now. But both of them knew about the kind of world we live in and about the God who is in charge of it all.

John B. Rogers, Pastor
First Presbyterian Church
Shreveport, Louisiana

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November 4, 1979 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE A Mighty Fortress Arr. Fasig
(Anna Rose Marino, Piano; Mary Alice Bragg, Organ)

PRAISE TO GOD
Psalter Reading 109, p.539 (all uniting)
Choral Introit Send Down Thy Truth Smith
Prayer of Invocation and Lord's Prayer
* Hymn 64 "All Creatures of Our God and King"

THE LIVING WORD OF SCRIPTURE
New Testament Reading Mark 10:35-45

THE WORD OF PRAYER
Hymn 333 "Father Almighty, Bless Us"
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastoral Prayer for the People

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Duet My Song Shall Be Mendelssohn
(Mrs. Mary Anne Johnston and Mrs. Denise Joines)
* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own

THE SPOKEN WORD OF INTERPRETATION
Anthem The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee Berger
Welcome
Sermon The Circle Expands Dr. Hamilton

GOING OUT TO SERVE
* Hymn 331 "Savior, Thy Dying Love"
* Benediction
* Congregational Response The Doxology

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Snyder in memory of the Rev. and Mrs. Walter W. Mann.

TODAY: 7:00 Senior Hi Youth
7:30 Board of Deacons

THE NEW SANCTUARY PIANO, used today for the first time, is an anonymous gift to the congregation from one of our members. We are pleased that it has arrived by today to be used for the piano-organ duet by Miss Marino and Mrs. Bragg.

CIRCLES of the Women's Fellowship meet this week as announced in "The Torch."

THE EVERY MEMBER CANVASS begins today. Pledges of time, talent and treasure may be submitted until next Sunday. Additional pledge cards and talent inventories are available in the narthex. Those who prefer may have canvassers call in your home next Sunday afternoon.

THE CONFIRMATION CLASS for young people in grades 7, 8, or 9 will meet next Sunday at 9:45 in the Church Library. We hope to organize at that time and to establish a weekly meeting time.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS of third quarter contributions will be available in the narthex until Tuesday. Please secure your envelope.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 4, 1979

MARK 10:35-45

"Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask." Naturally. We want what we want! We may be too sophisticated to come right out and ask God to give it—or too skeptical. But we demand religion that sanctions what we sanction, values what we value, and condemns what we disapprove. Otherwise, we may close our ears and shut our wallets. Jesus answers such a demand: "You do not know what you are asking." Expectation like that misses the meaning of Christian faith. The Christian faith is not a way to get our way. It is a commitment to follow Jesus' Way—a Way of serving others in love and thus of serving God.

U.C.C. CONGREGATIONS ARE GIVING MORE

Many congregations will soon be observing Stewardship Sunday by sending out trained visitors to call upon their fellow members and to invite them to respond to the church's opportunities for local work and wider mission by increasing their financial support. An increasing number of persons will respond with greater generosity than ever before. Many of these persons view their gifts as a percentage of their income; as their income increases, so do their gifts in behalf of the local work and wider mission of the church. Furthermore, as their vision of the church's mission increases, so does the percentage of their income invested in it.

Last year, a group of congregations in Wisconsin, with help from their Association and from the Stewardship Council, expanded their programs of local work and wider mission and increased their giving. Intensive planning and hard work resulted in increases in each of the congregations ranging from 7 percent to 31 percent over previous levels of support.

In congregations of the United Church of Christ all across the United States last year giving was up. Our giving for Basic Support of Our Christian World Mission—the budgeted work of U.C.C. conferences and national agencies—increased $1 million last year over the year before! An even greater increase—$14 million—was realized for the local work of our congregations. Now you can be a part of your own congregation's expanded program of local work and wider mission—by your presence, by your concern, and by your increased gifts. Give "as God has prospered you."

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November 11, 1979 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE To Thee Be Glory Barber

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: God has given us the good things of earth for the needs and delights of all people.

People: We are to use them joyfully, not abusing other people or ourselves. We are to share them with our neighbors. We are to offer them to God as servants of his grace.

Choir: Not Alone For Mighty Empires

UNISON PRAYER: Remind us, O Lord, of the things we mean to do and the ways we mean to mend. Renew in us a right spirit for our worship now and for our work in the world. Amen.

*HYMN 6 "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above"

The Commissioning of Canvassers

SCRIPTURE READINGS I Kings 17
Mark 12: 38-42

SERVICE OF PRAYER

Prayer Hymn 41 "Father, We Praise Thee" (St.1)

The Silent Prayers

The Spoken Prayers

ANTHEM Begin My Tongue Some Heavenly Theme Young

Congregational Concerns

THE OFFERING

Offertory Bless the Lord, O My Soul Ipp
(Peggy Lackey, Soprano)

* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own

* Prayer of Dedication

SERMON Tensions of Trust Dr. Hamilton

*HYMN 490 "Now in the Days of Youth"

*BENEDICTION
* Choral Response The Doxology

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Michael Byers in honor of Mrs. Frances Reid and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Byers, Sr.

YOU ARE INVITED to remain for the informal "coffee-time" which will be held in the Updyke Choral Center following our Service of Worship.

TODAY: 2:00 Canvassers
3:00 Youth Ceramics Class
6:00 Music Committee
7:00 Senior Hi Youth

OUR EVERY MEMBER CANVASS to pledge the proposed 1980 Church Budget is now in process. This afternoon canvassers will call in the homes of those members who have yet to submit pledges of Time, Talent, and Treasure.

THE YOUTH TRAINING EVENT, called HYPE, will be held Friday and Saturday at the Edgewood Building.

THE CONGREGATION unites in an expression of Christian Sympathy to Rev. and Mrs. Richard Rinker upon the death of her brother, Mr. Arthur Glidden of New York City, on November 9.

OTHER: Mrs. Bertie Fields is a patient at County Hospital . . . Articles for "The Torch" are due tomorrow . . . The Thrift Shop will be open Saturday at 10:30 a.m. . . The Sacrament of Holy Baptism will be celebrated next Sunday.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 11, 1979

JEREMIAH 31:7-9

"Proclaim! Get the word out!" But before you can get the word out, you have to let the word in. Hearing precedes proclaiming. Over and over, Jeremiah says, "The word of the Lord came to me," before he can say, "Proclaim, give praise." Every time we Christians are asked to support our church's mission of getting the gospel taught, preached, expressed in parish ministry, embodied in community service, and enacted in world-wide mission, our hearing is tested. How well we respond to the call to empower the church to "Get the word out!" measures how well, when "the word of the Lord" came to us, we listened—and believed.

TILL CHRIST SHALL DWELL IN HUMAN HEARTS

Someone spoke of the grace of God as "a beautiful kindness that makes people glad." Grace is the very activity of the heart of God, it is God's love in action!

God's grace comes to us in our creation, preservation, redemption, fulfillment. The world exists in a context of grace: nature, personality, community, social process, historical events are all penetrated by the grace of God.

Yes, God's grace is everywhere, but above all, in a very special sense, it came, and it comes, in the person and work of Jesus Christ. The gospel, says the Apostle Paul, is that all humanity is one: through the incomprehensible goodness of God's action, Christ has broken down the walls of hostility and made all humanity one!

Thus, the grace of God is at work in human history to achieve a continual victory of good over evil, to free us from inner and outer tyrannies, to reconcile us from all of our alienations, to transform us in heart and mind and soul, as persons, peoples, and principalities.

This is the conviction in which Christians *live,* that Christ shall dwell in human hearts and shall bring the new community of humanity into being. This is the conviction with which Christians *work* in God's mission of grace, through the church, in all of the realms of life that have yet to be reconciled and redeemed. This is the conviction for which Christians *give* of their self and their substance as the stewards of God's varied grace.

Till Christ shall dwell in human hearts: live, work, give!

Theodore S. Horvath
Stewardship Council
United Church of Christ

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November 18, 1979 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Lord, To Thee We Give Our Gifts Peeters

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures forever.

People: We enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; we are thankful to him and we bless his name.

Choir: Summer Ended, Harvest O'er

UNISON PRAYER: We are a gifted people, O God. May all your gifts occasion our thanksgiving. As your mercies are new each morning, so may our praise burst forth each day. Amen.

*HYMN 21 "We Gather Together"

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

* The Statement of Faith

SCRIPTURE READINGS Deuteronomy 6:4-9
Matthew 6:25-33

ANTHEM God of Great and Small Sleethe

SERVICE OF PRAYER

Prayer Hymn 437 "My Country 'Tis of Thee" (st. 4)

The Silent Prayers

The Spoken Prayers

THE OFFERING

Offertory Anthem Sing to the Lord of Harvest Willan

* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own

* Prayer of Dedication

SERMON Let Us Give Thanks Dr. Hamilton

*Hymn 460 "We Plow the Fields and Scatter"

*BENEDICTION

* Choral Response The Doxology

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THE ALTAR ARRANGEMENT is given to the Glory of God by Dr. and Mrs. James Moncure in appreciation for God's bountiful gifts.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM is administered to Heather Lynn Guice, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Guice and grand-daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Dean.

TODAY: 1:30 Sr. Hi Youth
3:00 Youth Ceramics
4:00 Confirmation Class

ENVELOPES are available in the narthex for your Thanksgiving Offering to the Elon Home for Children. Our minimum goal is to contribute $450.

PLEDGES to subscribe the 1980 Proposed Church Budget are still being received. So far we are at 72 per cent. Our hope is to complete the campaign by next Sunday.

MEALS-ON-WHEELS are delivered this week by our members.

THE CONGREGATION unites in an expression of Christian Sympathy to Mrs. Blanche Lewis and Family upon the death of her mother, Mrs. Lida Kidd, on Nov. 13.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 18, 1979

DEUTERONOMY 6:1-9

This is the venerable, majestic, moving Shema. For over two thousand years, devout Jews have chanted at worship, "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God is one Lord." It is a time-honored creed, stating monotheistic *faith*—belief in the oneness of God. It is the ground of the Torah; the *law* roots in fidelity to the one eternal God. It calls us to *love* God. Centuries after the composition of Deuteronomy, Jesus answered the question, "Which is the greatest commandment?" by citing this ancient call to love God with our whole being: heart, soul, and might. Jesus made love for the one God his touchstone for the *moral life.*

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

Christian concern for the well-being of children has been demonstrated over the years in thousands of cases of personal and denominational aid to programs for children.

One example is the People's Child Residence of St. Paul, Minnesota. It ministers to children with multiple handicaps by providing life-support services and training in basic skills in a medically-oriented environment. This non-sectarian residence accommodates 30 children who require total supervision and nursing services 24 hours a day. Much of its financial need is provided by Christians from the Twin City area and from the country-at-large.

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes in my name one such child as this, welcomes me." During this International Year of the Child, let us be thankful for all those whose Christian faith leads them to consider the physical and spiritual needs of children!

Ray A. Yeager
Associate Director, Department of
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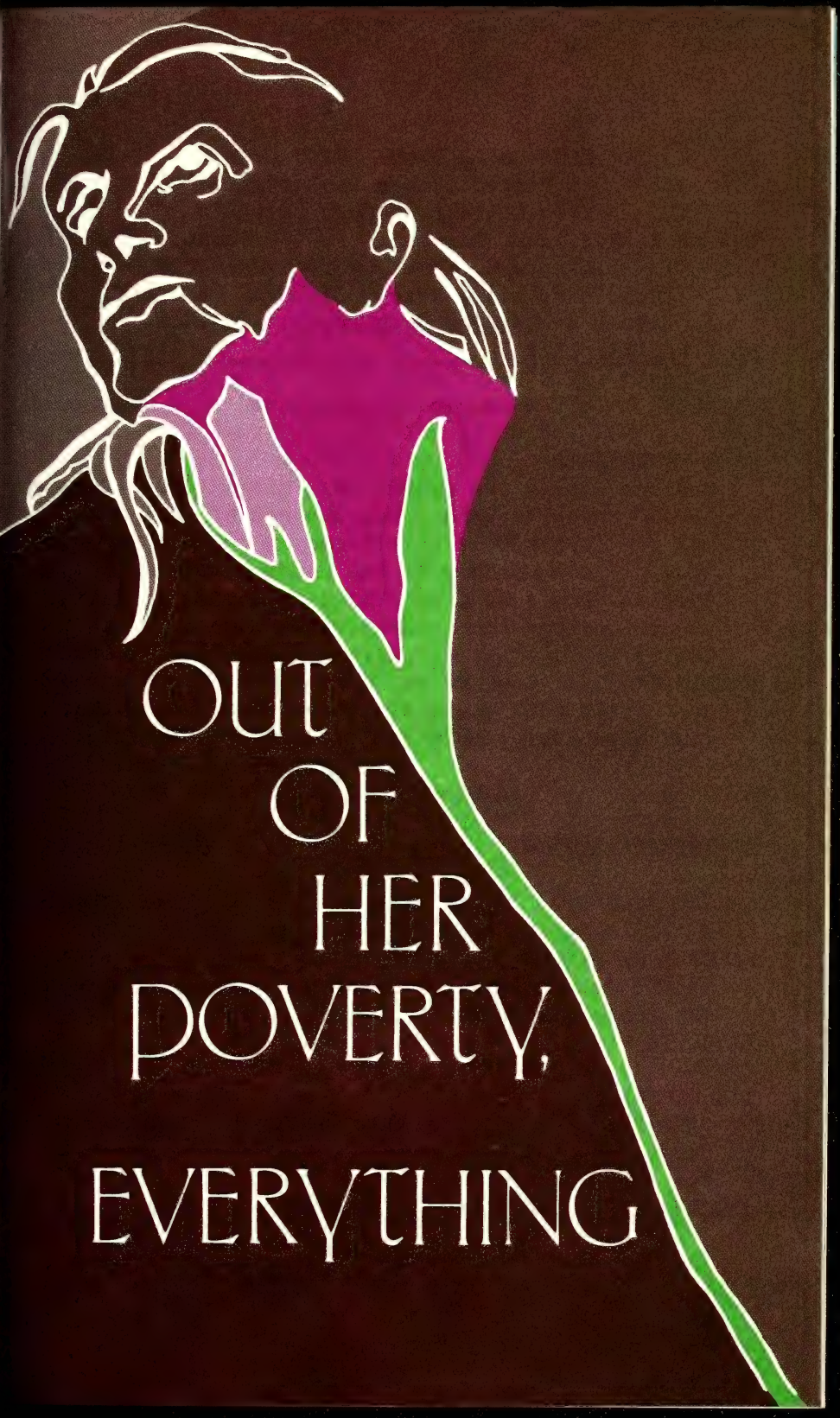
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EVERYTHING

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
United Church of Christ
Elon College, North Carolina

Thomas R. Hamilton, Pastor Phone: 584-0391
Alfred W. Hurst, Pastor Emeritus
Mrs. Mary Alice Bragg, Director of Music
Bert Barbee and Greg Price, Acolytes

November 25, 1979 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Adagio for Continuo Buxtehude

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: It is the Spirit that gives life. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth. Let us now worship in the power of the Holy Spirit

People: God's Word is a lamp to our feet, a light along the pathway. His name be praised.

Choir: "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

UNISON PRAYER: Come to us, God of Grace, and unite our hearts with you and with one another in this time when your people gather to hear your Word. Amen.

*HYMN 3 "God Himself Is With Us"

SCRIPTURE READING John 18:33-37

ANTHEM SOLO Mrs. Johnston

SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers
The Spoken Prayers
FAVORITE HYMNS

THE OFFERING
Offertory O Be Joyful Unto the Lord Mendelssohn
* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own
* Prayer of Dedication

SERMON Of Your Own Accord Dr. Hamilton

*HYMN "O Grant Us, Father" (insert)
(tune 429)

*BENEDICTION

* Congregational Response The Doxology

* Indicates when the congregation stands

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended to all who worship here today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting that you sign the guest register in the narthex. You are greeted at the door by Mr. Howard Loy and Dr. George Troxler.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Sam Shomaker in memory of her father, Mr. E. T. Murray, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Shomaker.

TODAY: 3:00 Youth Ceramics
4:00 Confirmation Class
7:00 Senior Hi Youth
7:00 Music Committee

AN EXPLORATION CLASS for new members begins next Sunday. Please meet in the Church Library at 9:45.

THE ANNUAL BAZAAR will be held Saturday from 9 - 1 in the Parish House. Baked goods will be available as will our new church cookbook, "Congregational Cookery". Bazaar proceeds will benefit the Organ Fund.

PLEDGES to the 1980 Proposed Church Budget are still being received. So far we are at 77 per cent.

ENVELOPES are available in the narthex for your Thanksgiving Offering to the Elon Home for Children.

ARTICLES for the "Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 25, 1979

MARK 12:38-44

There is fine recklessness in this woman's emptying her purse into the Temple alms box. We would have excuses. "I have so little to offer. It would deprive me and be of small benefit to another." Or, "I will not trust my money to people who may waste it or misdirect it." Or, "I work for what I get. Why should I give to someone else?" Or, "I contributed once." This woman gave no excuse. She gave her next meal! By offering what she owned, she became like Jesus, who "gave up all he had and took the nature of a servant." Her lack of calculation was God-like. On God's uncalculating mercy and love, our very life depends.

HAVING A NEW HEART

When Madhav Navale was only twelve he suffered from rheumatic fever. At the time, Madhav was a student at the Woronoco School, an elementary school that was established by one of the predecessors of our United Church Board for World Ministries in 1891. Then, two years ago, Madhav, now grown, discovered that the rheumatic fever had affected his heart. An older brother took him to the Vellore Christian Medical College and Hospital, with which the UCBWM has long been associated.

Madhav was examined by Dr. George Cherian, Professor of Cardiology at the College and a physician on the staff of the Vellore Hospital. It was determined that he needed a costly double-valve transplant-operation. At first the high cost seemed impossible to meet (10,000 rupees for the operation and 4,000 rupees for the valves which had to be imported from the United States—more than $1,500 in all). The hospital, however, noting the limited financial resources of the family, reduced its bill by 25% and the family succeeded in raising the rest.

The operation at first seemed successful, then failed, and a second operation was required. Madhav survived, full of gratitude to God and to the many doctors, nurses, and others who had cared for him at Vellore. The doctors called him "Newborn Boy," for he had come back from death to life. Impressed by the quiet Christian witness of those who had cared for him, Madhav and his brother, Hindus by tradition, have sought to learn more about the Jesus who motivates such service.

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REDEMPTION

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Charles Wilkins and Bert Barbee, Acolytes

December 2, 1979 First Sunday in Advent 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Adagio Cantabile Mendelssohn

Lighting The Advent Candle

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. Lift up your eyes round about, and see.

People: Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will enter to praise the Lord.

Choir: "There's A Voice in the Wilderness"

INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN 228 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

SCRIPTURE READINGS Jeremiah 33:14-16
Luke 21:25-36

ANTHEM Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus Ferguson

SERVICE OF PRAYER

The Silent Prayers of the People

The Pastor's Prayer for the People

THE OFFERING

Offertory Christmas Child Loomis
(Denise Joines, Soprano)

* Congregational Response The Doxology

* Prayer of Dedication

SERMON Advents One and Two Dr. Hamilton

*HYMN 110 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

ENEDICTION

Hymn 488 "Go Tell It on the Mountain" (st.1)

* Indicates when the congregation stands

CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Greeters of the Day are Mrs. Adelia Truitt and Mr. Howard Edgerton.

HE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Captain Joe Stuart Burchfield by Lt. Col. and Mrs. Dariel Burchfield.

E ARE PLEASED to have the Mary Sue Brittle Class of Bethlehem Church, Suffolk share in our worship. Each year this class visits the Elon Home for Children with special gifts.

HE ADVENT WREATHS on the front doors are given to the Glory of God by the Kittenger Family.

ODAY:

3:00	Youth Ceramics
4:00	Women's Fellowship Executive Board
4:00	Confirmation Class
6:00	Seekers' Class "Get-Together"
6:30	Board of Deacons
7:00	Senior Hi Youth
8:00	"The Messiah" in Memorial Gymnasium

HANKS to all who assisted with the bazaar yesterday. It was a most successful venture with all receipts to be designated for the Organ Fund.

AMILY NIGHT covered-dish supper, sponsored by the Women's Fellowship, will be held Monday evening, December 10, at 6:30. The program will be a report by Dr. and Mrs. Hamilton on their recent visit to Middle East.

HE CONGREGATION UNITES in an expression of Christian Sympathy to Dr. and Mrs. William J. Andes and Family upon the death of his mother, Mrs. A. W. Andes of Harrisonburg, Va., on November 28.

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 2, 1979

LUKE 21:25-36

How do we experience the joy of Christmas—by shutting out the world for a time of fantasy and festival? Such joy can be thin and end too soon. Truer joy comes from knowing Jesus in depth. Like other people, Christians read the news and watch television. We observe the world's civil strife, grinding poverty, crises in energy, corruption in commerce and government, recurrent wars, and inhuman barbarity. But we also see God—the God known in Jesus—at work to judge the world's wrong ways of life and to redeem existence from self-destruction. That is what Christmas celebrates: this vision that gives "joy to the world."

"LET THE REDEEMED SAY SO"

"Give thanks to God, for God is good; God's love is eternal!" The Psalmist picks up this thought and repeats it time and time again. The translators of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible then insert an interesting phrase, "Let the redeemed . . . say so . . ." (Psalm 107:2).

On this first Sunday in Advent, a time when we expectantly anticipate the redemption that God-in-Christ has brought to all humanity, let us acknowledge our redemption, our salvation. Let us acknowledge this new relationship to God and to humanity not only by our words, but also by our deeds.

A new Church Year stands before us. In what ways shall we "speak out" the Good News that God saves? The Twelfth General Synod of the United Church of Christ identified several areas in which our words and deeds may tell of God's redemption:

- New initiatives in church development and new dimensions of evangelism.
- New emphases for work on the concerns of women, Hispanics, Blacks, Native Americans, and Asians.
- New attention to the sacraments, the ministry, and the mission.
- New understanding of energy and life-style change.

As we prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ into our world, let us identify ways in which we may become channels for God's redemption. And let us forthrightly bear witness to the source of our salvation!

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SALVATION

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
Elon College, North Carolina

December 9, 1979 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE What Child Is This Traditional
Hark the Herald Angels Sing Traditional

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: There is depth, a reality, a promise in Christmas that has little to do with parties or Santa Claus, or the giving and receiving of gifts.

People: It has to do with God's eternal promise that we can start over, begin again, be born anew.

Pastor: If that is what we want, that will happen.

Choir: "Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light"

*HYMN 132 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 1:46-56

Trio My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord Saint-Saens
(from the Christmas Oratorio)

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

Anthem The Holly and the Ivy Traditional

ADVENT AFFIRMATION (all uniting)

To celebrate Christmas is to dream, to hope, to remember and to prepare for something great to happen.

Solo Slumber, Beloved J. S. Bach
(from the Christmas Oratorio)

SERVICE OF PRAYER

The Pastor's Prayer for the People

YOUTH CHOIR ANTHEMS On Christmas Night Williams
Sing Alleluia Billings

THE OFFERING

Offertory Silent Night Arr. Huber

* Congregational Response 227 Fairest Lord Jesus (1

* Prayer of Dedication

ANTHEM Sing Gloria Davis

SOLO Lullaby, Gentle Wind Butler

WORSHIP LEADERS

Thomas R. Hamilton, Pastor
Mary Alice Bragg, Director of Music
Mary Anne Johnston, Director of Youth Choir
Anna Rose Marino, Guest Organist
Andre Wilkins and Dan Hamilton, Acolytes

THE ADULT CHOIR

Sopranos
Gertrude Barney
Lois Bost
Sara Dodson
Jane Hamilton
Denise Joines
Mary Anne Johnston
Peggy Lackey

Tenors
Wesley Alexander
David Bragg
Paul Cheek
William Ellis
James Glenn
Mark Payne

Altos
Winifred Barney
Melva Foster
Fredda Payne
Becca Porter
Aundree Price

Basses
George Edwards
William Ginn
Leslie Johnston
Barry Oxford
William Price
Charles Wilkins
Louis Wilkins

Soloists
Denise Joines, Soprano
Mary Anne Johnston, Soprano
Fredda Payne, Contralto
James Glenn, Tenor
William Ginn, Baritone

Instrumentalists
Bruce Piner, Trumpet
Thomas Green, Trumpet
Cedric Richmond, Trombone
Andy Fegley, Trombone

THE YOUTH CHOIR

Chris Bunting
Greg Bunting
Cris Bragg
John Barbee
Jennifer Blake
Keith Fogleman
Carter Gerlach
Caroline Powell
Tommy Powell
Kristen Wilkins
David Young
Jane Young

ALL-CHURCH CHRISTMAS EVENTS

December 16	7:00	Christmas Moravian Lovefeast
December 24	7:00	Christmas Eve Service

GIFTS of canned goods and other non-perishable items for "Christmas Cheer Families" may be brought to the Family Night tomorrow evening.

THOSE WHO WISH to place poinsettias in the chancel are asked to bring them for our Christmas Sunday Service. Plants that remain on Christmas Day will be distributed within the community.

ENVELOPES will be placed in "The Torch" for your contribution to the CHRISTMAS FUND which honors retired ministers and provides emergency assistance to clergy families.

READING	One Solitary Life	
Anthem	The Advent of Our God	Butler
*HYMN 130	Joy to the World	

*BENEDICTION

* Choral Response — Come to Bethlehem and See

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended to all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Greeters of the Day are Mr. Ken Harper and Dr. Philip Mann.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Janet Loy Faulkner by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Loy.

YOU ARE INVITED to attend an informal "Coffee Hour" to be held in the Updyke Choral Center following our Service of Worship.

TODAY: 1:00 Senior Hi Youth
3:00 Youth Ceramics
4:00 Confirmation Class
6:30 Seekers Class will meet here to go caroling.

THE FAMILY NIGHT Covered-dish Dinner, sponsored by the Women's Fellowship, will be held tomorrow evening at 6:30 in the Parish House. Pastor and Mrs. Hamilton will present the program on "The Middle East".

A LIMITED NUMBER of copies of "Congregational Cookery" is still available. Those who wish may purchase copies in the downstairs hallway.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING for elections and action on the Proposed Church Budget will follow our Service of Worship next Sunday.

HOSPITALIZED: Mrs. Estelle Perry at Memorial.

ARTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 9, 1979

LUKE 3:1-6

Like a cry that leaps from one sentry to another, the word "salvation" moves across human history. Five centuries before Jesus, an exiled Hebrew poet saw God's arrival to free Israel from captivity in Babylon. In the words of John the Baptist, Luke set the echo of such confidence in "the salvation of God." The church was born when Peter told a street-corner crowd about God's saving action in Jesus. "Salvation." That is God's ultimate offer today: salvation from the sin that corrupts human existence, from humankind's tragic talent for destroying itself, from the despair that paralyzes our response to God's arrival in Christ.

WATCH YOUR ENERGY

The United Church of Christ in Franconia, New Hampshire, has established a wood cooperative that provides low-cost fuel for fixed-income and low-income families in the community. The U.C.C. Church of the Good Shepherd in Carbondale, Illinois, has begun a newspaper recycling program as an educational and revenue-producing activity for its youth group. And some U.C.C. congregations in Vermont have participated in an Energy Watch program that was initiated by the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries.

With the help of the Board, these congregations have collected data on their energy use, needs, and costs; analyzed the data in terms of cost and consumption as compared to other congregations; and developed programs of efficient energy-management. This year, the UCBHM is testing this Energy Watch program across the United States, supporting and evaluating alternative energy projects in church building, and has published *The Energy-efficient Church* (Pilgrim Press, $4.95) to offer specific help to congregations.

In addition, the Board is distributing over $1 million in low-interest loans to congregations that are installing insulation and storm doors and windows, improving furnace efficiency, and otherwise becoming more energy-efficient. Over 150 congregations have been helped thus far, congregations in more than 30 U.C.C. conferences. This is the year to watch your energy!

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EXPECTATION

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Stacy Dean and Beth Barbee, Acolytes

December 16, 1979 Third Sunday in Advent 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Celestial Songs on High Nevins

Lighting the Advent Candle

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended.

People: The glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it together.

Pastor: He will feed his flock like a shepherd.

Choir: "There's A Voice in the Wilderness"

INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN 110 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

SCRIPTURE READINGS Isaiah 9:2-7
Luke 3:1-16

ANTHEM The Shepherd's Carol Billings

SERVICE OF PRAYER

The Silent Prayers of the People

The Pastor's Prayers for the People

THE OFFERING

Offertory Anthem Come Ye to Bethlehem Davis

* Congregational Response The Doxology

* Prayer of Dedication

SERMON The Limp of Advent Dr. Hamilton

*HYMN 134 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

*BENEDICTION

* Hymn 488 "Go Tell It on the Mountain" (Refrain)

* Indicates when the congregation stands

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Greeters of the Day are Mr. E. W. Brafford and Mr. Bill Price.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Mr. Simeon L. Allen by Mrs. Allen, Noel, Sandy and Nathan.

A BRIEF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will follow our Morning Service of Worship. We will be voting on the report of the Nominating Committee and the Proposed 1980 Church Budget.

TODAY: 4:00 Confirmation Class
7:00 Moravian Christmas Lovefeast
9:00 Adult Choir at B. Oxford's

OUR SEVENTH ANNUAL Moravian Christmas Lovefeast is this evening at 7:00. The Brass Choir, Bell Choir and Adult Choir will lead in worship as the traditional buns and coffee are served and the Moravian candles are lighted.

THE FUN CLUB meets Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. in the Choral Center. The Employees Singers of Elon College will provide the program. Guests are welcome.

ENVELOPES are available in the narthex for your special contribution to the Christmas Fund for retired ministers.

THE CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will include carols, scripture and a meditation.

POINSETTIAS for Christmas Sunday and Christmas Eve should be brought to the church by Saturday evening.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 16, 1979

LUKE 3:10-18

"What do you expect for Christmas?" "Where do you expect to go for vacation next summer?" "What do you expect to do after college?" "When is the baby expected?" "When do you expect to retire?" Expectations are like antennae that pick up signals from coming events. They lure us toward our future and prepare its way. Was Jesus not most clearly manifest to those who longed for him? Did he not do mighty deeds among those who expected him to, believing him to have power from God? Is the living Lord not now most real to those who are open to the divine life and await Christ's advent in joyous expectancy?

HOLD THEM IN HIGHEST HONOR

The Apostle Paul wrote to his friends in the churches a good word for his colleagues, those who ministered day-to-day with courage and faithfulness. He says of these leaders of the church, "Because of this high task of theirs, hold them in highest honor" (1 Thess. 5:12).

This same word comes to us today as we consider in love the special group of retired ministers and their spouses who are helped by the Christmas Fund. By letter and a gift, we visit nearly one thousand such persons who have been referred by their U.C.C. conference because of some special need. We "hold them in highest honor" by helping them to deal with advancing age, infirmity, loneliness, and limited resources, by remembering them with affection at Christmas.

Administered by the Pension Boards, the annual Christmas Fund appeal also honors with practical assistance active ministers and their families who encounter financial emergencies.

Don A. Bundy, Secretary
United Church of Christ Pension Boards

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FULFILLMENT

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
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Gray Lackey and Alan Young, Acolytes

December 23, 1979 Fourth Sunday in Advent 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Christmas, The Beloved Mary Nevins
Lighting the Advent Candles
CALL TO WORSHIP
Introit What Songs Were Sung Niles
*HYMN 120 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (all uniting)
God, our Father, we rejoice in the fulfillment of your promise to dwell with us. Our thoughts turn to Bethlehem and to the manger child who is our Redeemer. With the company of the Nativity we would worship in love and awe. Amen.
SCRIPTURE READINGS
Old Testament Micah 5:2-4
New Testament Luke 2:1-14
* The Gloria Patri
THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
* Statement of Faith
RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS
* Statement of Welcome Hymnal, p. 497
ANTHEM The Snow Lay on the Ground Sowerby

SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
THE GIFTS OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory Solo The Carol of the Birds Niles
* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication
SERMON The News From Bethlehem is Good

*HYMN 141 "The First Nowell"

*BENEDICTION

* Hymn 488 "Go Tell It on the Mountain" (Refrain)

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A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Greeters of the Day are Mrs. Reggie McLelland and Mr. Kenneth Clem.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Dr. and Mrs. J. O. Atkinson and Mrs. R. T. Bradford by the family.

A ROSE is placed on the altar to honor Michael Clark Grant by Mrs. Estelle Perry.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM is administered to Michael Clark Grant, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Grant, and Lydia Aidan Troxler, daughter of Drs. George and Carole Troxler.

NEW MEMBERS received today are Mr. and Mrs. James L. Holmes and Ms. Martha I. Stephenson.

OUR CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE of Carols, Scripture, and Meditation is tomorrow evening at 7:00.

NEXT SUNDAY we will be recognizing our college students. Some of the students will lead our Service. All the students are invited to attend a dinner following the Service of Worship, prepared by the Women's Fellowship.

THANKS to all who are providing poinsettia plants to decorate the chancel.

OTHER: The Confirmation Class meets today at four o'clock . . . Daily Devotional Guides for January-February are available in the narthex. . . A Christ-filled Christmas to all!

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 23, 1979

LUKE 1:39-47

"How shall I know this?" asks aging Zechariah, the father of John. "How can this be?" Mary asks the angel Gabriel. "What then will this child be?" people wonder at John's birth. "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see," amazed shepherds exclaim. Those uncertainties were rooted in "the disbelief of joy." Could things so good be true? Yet, there in two new lives, John and Jesus, old longings and hope were fulfilled—at last. There it was! And *here* it is! Here, in this careening world, Christ is alive in every heart that is open to God's Spirit. Here . . . now . . . Christ comes to answer our hope and to fulfill the promise of our lives today.

GOD'S GIFT TO US ALL

At Christmastime our thoughts turn to gifts. While customs differ from one culture to another, the giving of gifts to one another is common to many. In the original Christmas story, however, the gift that is given is to humanity as a whole. This gift—God's gift to us—is the gift of deliverance and of a deliverer. The Christmas story makes this tangible; humankind receives light, plenty, and peace from God through a child. With remarkable gentleness, God reveals the divine through the human.

In our own day, we still recognize this gift. As God of old first came to shepherds, fishermen, and housewives, so God may first be coming in our day to common people—to the poor and the dispossessed—to offer the gift that is intended for us all. It is interesting that God almost always seems to side with and honor the poor and the dispossessed and make of them a channel for the deliverance of humanity. In chorus with the angelic host, let us sing "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased!"

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I BRING YOU GOOD
NEWS OF
A GREAT
JOY..."

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
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Mrs. Mary Alice Bragg, Director of Music

Christmas Eve Worship December 24, 1979

PRELUDE Medley of Carols (Selected)
Lighting the Advent Candles

*CALL TO WORSHIP
Pastor: In the beginning was the Word. The Word was with God and the Word was God.
People: All things were made by him. In him was life and the life was the light of mankind.
Unison: Let our lights so shine before all that they may see our good works and glorify our Father in heaven.

*CAROL 132 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

THE LIGHT REVEALED

A PROPHECY Isaiah 9:6-7

CAROL 134 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

ANTHEM Long Ago in Bethlehem Moravian

THE LIGHT RECEIVED

GOSPEL READING Luke 2:8-20

*CAROL 116 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

THE OFFERING

Offertory Solo — O, Holy Night
(Tim Price, Baritone)

MEDITATION — At Night-time

THE LIGHT REFLECTED

*CAROLS 138 "Silent Night, Holy Night"
140 "What Child is This"

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* The Lord's Prayer

*THE BENEDICTION

* Carol 130 "Joy To The World" (st.1)

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Dr. and Mrs. J. O. Atkinson and Mrs. R. T. Bradford by the family.

POINSETTIAS are placed in the chancel in memory of:

John W. Barney, Jr.
by the Family

W. C. Perry, Jr.
by the Family

Gordon L. Whitener and Melvin R. Hamilton
by Dr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Hamilton

"BE NOT AFRAID...

Alleluia
OCCASIONS LK 2:10
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A Righteous God and SAVIOR

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
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Dan Hamilton and Chris Vickers, Acolytes

December 30, 1979 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Come, Savior of the Gentiles Bach

Lighting the Advent Candles

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: This is how God showed his love toward us:

People: He sent his only Son into the world that we might have life in him.

Unison: See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God.

Choir: At The Name of Jesus

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

The Lord's Prayer (all uniting)

*CAROL 117 "Angels, From the Realms of Glory"

READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT Jeremiah 1:4-10

UNITED NATIONS DECLARATION

The Rights of the Child

ANTHEM SOLO Come Unto Him Handel

(Lynne Fogleman, Soprano)

READING FROM THE PROPHET K. Gibran

SERVICE OF PRAYER

The Pastor's Prayer for the People

THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

Offertory Andante Cantabile Mendelssohn

* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own

* Prayer of Dedication

READING FROM THE NEWSPAPER E. Bombeck

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT Luke 2:41-52

HYMN 152 "We Would See Jesus" (st. 1,2)

SERMON Lost in a Crowd Dr. Hamilton

READING FROM CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE

*BENEDICTION

* Hymn 488 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Hunter and Richard A. Hunter by Marjorie Hunter and Dorothy Hunter Walker.

WE ARE PLEASED to recognize and honor our college students today. The Women's Fellowship has also planned a luncheon for them in the Choral Center following our Service of Worship.

THE CONGREGATION unites in an expression of Christian Sympathy to the Family upon the death of Mr. Lewis R. Drumm on December 24.

DAILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDES for January - February are available in the narthex.

THE SACRAMENT of Holy Communion will be celebrated next Sunday.

ARTICLES for the "Torch" are due tomorrow.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 30, 1979

ISAIAH 45:18-22

"Praying to a god that cannot save." They did that in ancient Israel. We do it in modern America. Race is such a god—one whose worship tears the nation and corrupts the soul with unjustified pride in being white, yellow, red, or black. Racism is atheism. It denies the God who makes us members of one family. Power is an unsaving god: the power of money, of sexual gender, of control over others. Thirst for power like that can often mask narcissism and a deep self-anxiety. Ought we not to pray only to the "righteous God and Savior?" That God has created us sisters and brothers. In Jesus, that God has come to be Servant of all.

A NEW YEAR, A NEW DAY, A NEW MISSION

We stand on the threshold of a New Year. The record of 1979 is largely written. What's done is done; what's left undone is left undone, and there's no changing that. This is a time to look ahead, a time to anticipate and to plan for the future.

There is also a sense in which we stand on the threshold of a New Day. While a quarter of the world's population may be hungry and malnourished, grain production in both developed and developing countries has never been higher. Enough food now exists to feed our hungry planet. Or consider that, despite wars and rumors of wars in many parts of the world traditional enemies can share a fragile bond of peace.

As we stand between the once-was and the is-not-yet, what is the claim that God lays upon our lives? What is there in the months ahead that God would have us do—individually and as a people? We are called to bear witness to God's saving power, to testify to Christ's claim upon our time and energy and money. Empowered by God's Holy Spirit, we are called to undertake a New Mission, to serve the needs of the world in which we live!

Charles W. Cooper, Jr., Editor
United Church of Christ
Sunday Bulletin Service

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YOU SHALL SEE
AND BE RADIANT

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January 6, 1980 Epiphany 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Chorale Prelude in G Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choral Introit Jesus Is Near To All Lovelace
PRAYER OF INVOCATION (all uniting)

*HYMN 251 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 60:1-6
* Gloria Patri
NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 2:1-12
Ephesians 3:1-6
ANTHEM By the Wayside Traditional

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

MEDITATION Light in the Context of Darkness

THE DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory The New Year is With Us Nevins
* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own
* Prayer of Dedication
THE SERVICE OF COMMUNION
The Invitation of Christ
Communion Collect
General Confession (all uniting) Hymnal, p. 495
Assurance of Pardon
Words of Institution
Distribution of the Elements
* Thanksgiving

HYMN 97 "God of Our Life"

A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR (all uniting)

May God grant us the courage to withstand complexities that beset us, happiness that depends less on exterior things and more on the things unseen, thoughts that are pure, noble, kind, and true, and an awareness of his great love in sending his Son for us and for our salvation. Amen

BENEDICTION

Choral Response Holy, Holy, Holy

THE HOLY COMMUNION is served today to all confirmed members of Christ's Church. We celebrate "open communion", inviting all professing Christians to join us in this Sacrament of Faith.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Dr. John G. Truitt by Mrs. Truitt.

TODAY: 4:00 Confirmation Class
7:00 Senior Hi Youth
7:30 Board of Deacons

CIRCLES of the Women's Fellowship will meet this week as announced in "The Torch".

NEXT SUNDAY the Service of Installation will be held for all newly-elected committee and board personnel. We also will be ordaining Mrs. Gladys Hughes, Mrs. Della Scott, and Mr. Earl Vickers to the Office of Deacon.

ANNUAL REPORTS for all boards, committees and organizations of the church are due today.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the congregation will be held Sunday evening, January 27 at seven o'clock.

COFFEE HOUR, sponsored by Circle One, will be held next Sunday following our Service of Worship.

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

JANUARY 6, 1980

ISAIAH 60:1-6

EPIPHANY

What does Epiphany celebrate?
The revealing of Jesus Christ to the world.
Does the traditional Epiphany Story still have power to reveal?
Yes!
Epiphany reveals seekers, "wise men from the East."
We are not to survive in our own tight little boxes,
But to seek beyond ourselves and find new light appearing.
Epiphany reveals a symbol: "We have seen his star in the East."
We are not to ponder astronomical constellations,
But to proclaim him who is the light of the world.
Epiphany reveals a scoundrel, "Herod the king."
We are not to think that "light" will have no clever opposition,
But are to thwart such jealous hatred with
circumventing strategy.
Epiphany reveals a scripture: "So it is written by the prophet."
We are not to regard Jesus as coming from out of nowhere,
But to recognize him as a fulfilling climax to Israel's heritage.
Epiphany reveals a Savior: "They saw the child."
We are not to react to him with sentimental feeling,
But to respond to this whole-making "king" with deepest joy.
Epiphany reveals servants: "They offered him gifts."
We are not to limit our homage to hearty, joyous words,
But to serve him with our substance in sharing his love for all.
Is Epiphany then an isolated celebration once a year?
No, it is a year-long life of letting God's Revelation to the world
Be revealed in us, as seekers and servants of the Savior.

Paul L. Hammer
Professor of New Testament
Colgate Rochester/Bexley Hall/Crozer
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one new humanity

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January 13, 1980 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE My Heart Ever Faithful Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: God's promises are sure. He has come to us in Jesus of Nazareth, sharing our common lot.

People: He has assured us that he is here with us now: let us come to him in confidence.

Choir: O Magnify the Lord Lovelace

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN 150 "O Love, How Deep, How Broad"

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 1:1-5

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 3:15-17, 21, 22

* The Gloria Patri Ephesians 2:12-22

THE SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

Installation of officers and committee personnel

Ordination and Installation of Deacons

THE SPOKEN WORD

Anthem Each Winter As the Year Grows Older Gay

The Pastor's Prayer for the People

Welcome

Sermon <u>Mistaken Identity</u> Dr. Hamilton

THE ACT OF DEDICATION

Offertory Leibster Herr Jesu Bach

(Denise Joines, Soprano)

* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own

* Prayer of Dedication
* Hymn 391 "Be Thou My Vision"
* Benediction
* Choral Response The Doxology

* Indicates when the congregation will stand

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the guest register in the narthex. You are greeted at the door by Mr. J. Mark McAdams and Mr. George Noah.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Miss Ruth Dunn in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Dunn, Sr.

THE SERVICE OF INSTALLATION is held this morning for officers and committee personnel. Mrs. Gladys Hughes, Mrs. Della Scott, and Mr. E. W. Vickers, Jr. are ordained to the Office of Deacon and installed along with Dr. Paul Cheek who has been ordained previously.

TODAY: 4:00 Confirmation Class
6:30 Seekers' Class and Families meet in Senior Hi Room. Please bring a gag gift wrapped in newspaper.
7:00 Music Committee
7:00 Senior Hi Youth meet with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Price, Jr.

AN INFORMAL COFFEE HOUR, sponsored by Circle 2, follows our Service of Worship in the Updyke Choral Center.

THE FUN CLUB meets Tuesday at 10:00 in the Library-Conference Room. Mayor Tim Parker will be the speaker. For transportation call Mrs. Lucill Howard.

OTHER: The Sacrament of Baptism will be celebrated next Sunday . . . Financial Statements of 1979 contributions are available in the narthex. . . Articles for "The Torch" are due tomorrow . . . The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held January 27 at 7:00 p.m. All standing committees will meet at 6:15 p.m.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 13, 1980

EPHESIANS 2:11-18

First Century Christians saw Jesus as peacemaker. One of them wrote in *Ephesians:* "He is our peace, who . . . has broken down the dividing wall of hostility." That had immense significance in the Greco-Roman world, that old, splintered world of alienated people, some slaves, some free, most devoted to rival faiths, a few rich and powerful, many poor and disenfranchised. In that world, the Christian community foreshadowed the "ultimate divine purpose" of a reunited humankind. In our world, are not the followers of the Prince of Peace called to join God's work of reconciliation and peace, the struggle to attain "one new humanity"?

THE CHANGING POPULATION OF NATION AND CHURCH

Formerly designed to maintain European ethnic patterns, the immigration laws of our land have been changed to open the door to people from every area of the world. Our changing population reflects increased numbers of persons from Africa, Latin America, and Asia. Indeed, in recent years, as many as one-third of all new immigrants coming to the United States have come from Asia. While still a small minority, the number of Asians in the U.S.A. has doubled in the past decade.

The population of the United Church of Christ has always reflected a variety of racial and ethnic backgrounds. As successive waves of immigrants have arrived in the United States they have become represented in our congregations. Recently, Asians have joined in increasing numbers. Our General Synod and Conferences have been increasingly responsive to ethnic caucuses of Blacks, Hispanics, American Indians, and Pacific and Asian Americans.

To what extent we shall be able to learn from one another and from our growing experience together remains to be seen. It is clear that our future will be related to—but different from—our past. Together, aware of our differences as well as our oneness in Christ, let us press on to engage in that mission to which we are called—a mission to the wholeness of the world and to the wholeness of life.

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you have kept
the good wine
until now

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Alan Young and Dan Hamilton, Acolytes

January 20, 1980 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE I Call Upon Thee, O Lord Bach

PRAISE TO GOD

Pastor: Ask and it will be given to you. Search and you will find. Knock and the door will be opened for you.

People: For everyone who asks receives; everyone who searches finds; everyone who knocks finds the door opened for him.

Choir: O Make A Joyful Noise Unto the Lord

Prayer of Invocation and Lord's Prayer

* Hymn 15 "Praise to the Lord, The Almighty"

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

* The Statement of Faith

Hymn 277 "Jesus, Friend, So Kind and Gentle"

THE LIVING WORD OF SCRIPTURE

Unison Reading 132 p. 547

Gospel Reading John 2:1-11

THE WORD OF PRAYER

The Silent Prayers of the People

The Pastor's Prayer for the People

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING

Offertory Pastorale Franck

* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

THE SPOKEN WORD OF INTERPRETATION

Welcome

Anthem Send Down Thy Truth Lovelace

Sermon He Revealed His Glory
And His Disciples Believed

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn 218 "O Jesus, I Have Promised"
* Benediction
* Choral Response God Be With You

* Indicates when the congregation will stand.

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting that you sign the guest register in the narthex. Greeters of the day are Mr. Ralph Oxford and Mr. T. L. Smith.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Dr. H. H. Cunningham and Miss Marsha Lankford by the Cunningham Family.

THE SACRAMENT of Holy Baptism is administered to William Roper Pendergrass, IV, son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Pendergrass, III.

TODAY: 2:30 The Deacon liaisons meet with the Moderator and Pastor.
4:00 Confirmation Class
7:00 Senior Hi Youth meet with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Price, Jr.

THE CHURCHMEN'S FELLOWSHIP of the Burlington District will hold its quarterly dinner meeting Thursday evening at 7:00 at Carolina U.C.C. Reservations may be made tomorrow by calling the church office.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Congregation is next Sunday evening at 7:00. All standing committees will meet at 6:15.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS of 1979 contributions are available in the narthex.

CUB SCOUT PACK 51 meets Thursday evening at 7:30 in the Parish House.

CLOTHING for Church World Service should be taken to the Parish House by February 1.

HOSPITALIZED: Mrs. Oma Johnson at Rex, Raleigh

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 20, 1980

JOHN 2:1-12

It is a choice story, there in the Fourth Gospel, the one about Jesus at a wedding reception in the little town of Cana. The party had gone on a long time. The guests had feasted avidly. Now, the wine ran short. And the party was not done. Jesus had great jars filled with water. He turned it into 120 gallons of splendid wine. Of course, the story bristles with signs and foreshadowings. But something here is simple, human, and warm. Jesus treats marriage as an occasion, not only for solemn responsibility, but for festivity and self-abandoning celebration. The story hints that to have life and love are God's "good wine."

THE COMMON CUP

Dramatically, wine replaced water, grace replaced law, and life in the spirit became the basis for a new community—a community of faith. Disciples as different as Peter and Thomas experienced mutual love and trust after they came to love and trust Jesus. At first they believed in him because he turned water into wine. But later they came to believe in Jesus because he turned death into life, the cross into a throne, the blood of his sacrifice into our hope of eternal life. It is this that the wine has come to represent.

In the Sacrament of Holy Communion, through the elements of bread and wine, we celebrate our new life in Christ—and we celebrate it together, fellow believers bound to one another in the unity of the Body of Christ.

In the midst of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we look to the Common Cup of the Eucharist as a symbol of our unity. We look to the wine as the symbol of our hope in Christ. We look to the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper as the key to the healing of the divisions in Christ's Body, the Church. When, one day, Christians of all labels shall gather around the Lord's Table and delight in his feast together, then shall the world say again, "Behold! How they love one another."

Robert D. Williams, Pastor
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Set at liberty those who are oppressed

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Miss Anna Rose Marino, Guest Organist
Chris Vickers and Charles Wilkins, Acolytes

January 27, 1980 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Hymn Transcriptions C. Kohlmann

PRAISE TO GOD

Pastor: We are gathered in the name of Christ to worship God the Father. According to his promise, he is among us now.

People: We offer our hymns and prayers, our speaking and listening, and receiving and giving as marks of our devotion.

Choir: O Make A Joyful Noise Unto the Lord

Prayer of Invocation and Lord's Prayer

* Hymn 35 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

THE LIVING WORD OF SCRIPTURE

Psalter Reading 70, Psalm 24 p. 518

New Testament Reading I Corinthians 12:12-31

THE WORD OF PRAYER

The Silent Prayers of the People

The Pastor's Prayer for the People

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING

Offertory Wind in the Pine Trees J. Clokey

* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

THE SPOKEN WORD OF INTERPRETATION

Welcome

Favorite Hymns

Anthem Solo Comfort Ye, My People A. Rubenstein
(Peggy Lackey, Soprano)

Sermon The Mosaic of Our 1979 Dr. Hamilton

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn 448 "Thy Kingdom Come, O Lord"
* Benediction
* Choral Response God Be With You

* Indicates when the congregation will stand.

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mrs. Josie Huey in memory of her grandmother, Mrs. J. W. Loy, and her husband, Mr. C. C. Huey.

THE CONFIRMATION CLASS meets this afternoon at 4:00 in the Library-Conference Room.

THE ELECTED COMMITTEES of the church meet this evening at 6:15 for organizational and goal-setting purposes.

THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING of the congregation is this evening at 7:00. Part of the program will be the presentations by the Celebration Singers of Burlington. A coffee hour will follow in the Updyke Choral Center.

PLEASE SECURE, before you leave this morning, a copy of the Annual Reports and the new Membership Directory. Also available in the narthex are copies of the February issue of Southern Conference News and your statements of 1979 financial contributions.

OTHER: Mrs. Oma Johnson is a patient at Rex Hospital, Raleigh. . . clothing for Church World Service is being collected in the Parish House. . . articles for "The Torch" are due tomorrow. . . Scout Sunday will be celebrated next Sunday.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 27, 1980

LUKE 4:14-21

Liberator. That was how Jesus interpreted himself to people in his childhood town when he came to their synagogue to inaugurate his ministry. Radical and innovative as he would be, he was in continuity with the Hebrew faith. "I am in the tradition of Israel's prophets," he was saying. He would heal broken lives, as had some of the prophets. He did that. He does it now. Like his religious forebears, he would champion the cause of the poor. He does that now, calling us to work so that those who are oppressed by poverty and exploited by the affluent may be "set at liberty," may have bread, medicine, truth.

UTAHNS AGAINST HUNGER

Through the Hunger Action Fund of the United Church of Christ, you are helping a group called "Utahns Against Hunger" to attack the root causes of hunger and malnutrition. "Utahns Against Hunger" is an outgrowth of the Salt Lake Area Anti-Hunger Task Force, a group of nutrition-program participants, church members, and concerned individuals that for several years has been responding to hunger problems in a deeper way than just by providing emergency food. In 1976, this group sponsored a "Food Day" event. With help from Episcopal and Lutheran Church bodies, and with a changed name, "Utahns Against Hunger," this group now has a staff of ten persons working on specific nutrition issues.

Among the accomplishments of UAH have been a county-wide survey of hunger issues and problems, the coordination of efforts to secure from the State Legislature an increase in appropriations for emergency assistance, the advocacy of a Salt Lake City appropriation for the purchase of garden tillers to be used in a community garden project, and the development of a coalition to work for a school breakfast program in four adjacent counties. Recently, "Utahns Against Hunger" has expanded to include work throughout the State.

With your help, channeled through the Hunger Action Fund of the United Church of Christ, "Utahns Against Hunger" is helping to relieve the plight of hungry people by attacking the root causes of their adversity.

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The Celebration Singers

* WE ARE THE CHURCH
I am the Church! You are the Church!
We are the Church together.
All who follow Jesus, all around the world;
Yes, we're the Church together.

THEME SONG
"We are here to sing and celebrate life . . .
sing, sing, sing!
Sing about the joy of living; sing, sing, sing!
Praise . . Love . . Thank . . Celebrate!

ROCK-A-MY-SOUL

ALL MY TRIALS
Hush, little baby, don't you cry . .
If livin' were a thing that money could buy . .
I've got a little book with pages three . . .

JESUS, WON'T YOU COME BY HERE?

WHISPER A PRAYER morning . . noon. . evening
God answers prayer
Jesus may come

* ANGEL BAND
Oh, come, angel band. Come and around me stand.
Oh, bear me away on your snowy wings
to my immortal home!

* RISE, SHINE, AND GIVE GOD THE GLORY
Children of the Lord

READING FROM GENESIS 9

OUR RAINBOW SONG
Ev'ry time I see a rainbow, I will shine!

I'D LIKE TO TEACH THE WORLD TO SING

READING FROM MATTHEW 18

COME AS A CHILD
Come as a child when he calls you to follow,
Just come as a child, for his love is untold;
Come as a child, when you seek his communion,
For then all his blessings unfold.

EVERY MORNING IS EASTER MORNING
from now on. Every day's Resurrection Day,
the past is over and gone!

I WAS GLAD, I WAS GLAD, I WAS GLAD
when my friends said, "Let's all go to church."
the preacher said, "Jesus sets you free."
I decided to go and follow him.
that on Easter they found an empty tomb.
to be born, be alive in this great world!

Jesus said:
* I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE
He who believes in me will never die.
He who believes in me will live a new life!

ZUNI ARISE SONG
Wake, ye, arise: Life is greeting thee.
Wake, ye, arise: Ever watchful be.

ALL NIGHT, ALL DAY

I'VE GOT PEACE LIKE A RIVER love . . joy . .

I'M A CELEBRATION SINGER, YES I AM!

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

* A-MEN

* sing and celebrate with us

* LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth,
The peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Father, brothers all are we.
Let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me; Let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment
in peace eternally . . .
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

JOHN MARK Apple, ROBERT Apple, GARY Bean, CELESTE Belle ROGER Bennett, PAIGE Booth, CATHERINE Boswell, EDDIE Briggs, JERRY Byerly, KATHY Byerly, ROBBIE Cade, LORI Duncan, DIEDRA Evans, DAVID Ewing, BRENDA Gauldin, BOBB Glenn, BUTCH Grogan, BECKY Gross, MARTHA Hadley, KAY Hale, ANITA Haney, RANDY Hubbard, RODNEY King, BETTY Kirkner, VERMEL Lee, JOHN Long, JIM Love, CHRISTINE Lowe, SYLVIA Lowe, SYLVIA Manuel, LUONG Nghiem, THANH-HA Nghiem, LYNN Norris, BRUCE Parker, ALBERT Satterfiel DAVID Shields, CHARLES Singletary, SALLY Sloop, SUZANNE Smith, SHIRLEY Talley, BILLY Thompson, GARY Tickle, SHARON Walker, and JACK Young thank you for SINGING and CELEBRATING with us!

THE CELEBRATION SINGERS is a non-denominational Christi service group made up of people from many levels of abi ity and talent. The chorus meets weekly at Macedonia Lutheran Church in Burlington, North Carolina. Since i organization in September, 1978, it has sung for civic groups, churches, and other gatherings. It has been encouraged by various donations from area merchants, parents, church groups and other volunteers.

Put out into the deep

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn 383 "Forward Through the Ages"
* Benediction
* Choral Response God Be With You

* Indicates when the congregation will stand

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Dr. and Mrs. Philip R. Mann in memory of their fathers, Mr. George D. Colclough and Mr. G. C. Mann.

CUB SCOUT PACK 51, sponsored by our church, shares in our Service of Worship today. This year marks the 70th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America and the 50th anniversary of Cub Scouts of America. Pictures of some of the Pack's recent activities are posted on the narthex bulletin board.

TODAY: 4:00 Confirmation Class
7:00 Senior Hi Youth
7:30 Board of Deacons

CIRCLES of the Women's Fellowship meet this week, as announced in "The Torch".

CONGRATULATIONS to Drs. Stephen and Anne Hawes and grandmother Mrs. Sue Colclough upon the birth of Stephen J. Hawes, IV on January 30 in Houston, Texas.

OTHER: Copies of the 1980 Membership Directory and Booklet of Annual Reports are available in the narthex. . . Coffee Hour after Worship next Sunday.

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February 3, 1980 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Chorale for Organ Francl

*PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS Webelos De

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

*CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP The Lord is Near Lovelac

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN 446 "God, the Omnipotent"

THE LIVING WORD OF SCRIPTURE

Psalter Reading 68, Psalm 19 p. 51

Old Testament Reading Joshua 24:1,2,14-2

THE WORD OF PRAYER

A Prayer Hymn 392 "Father in Heaven, Who Lovest All

The Pastor's Prayer for the People

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING

Offertory Trio in D Bac

* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

THE SPOKEN WORD OF INTERPRETATION

Welcome

Anthem Lord, For Thy Tender Mercy's Sake Farran

Sermon Promises To Keep Dr. Hamilto

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 10, 1980

LUKE 5:1-11

"Put out into the deep." That was Jesus' word to Peter. "Go where the fish are." Luke sets the story of a great catch alongside his account of Jesus calling Simon. "Go where the fish are." In that word lies wisdom. In recent studies, people were asked what got them into the church. Many said that it was not the lure of church life *from inside.* Instead, somebody from the church came where they were and invited them. Go where the people are! Jesus did that. It meant interrupting a fishing expedition. But it netted as disciples such followers as James and John, the sons of Zebedee, and that stalwart, Simon Peter.

HELPING THE POOR IN WASHTENAW COUNTY

One of the agencies that is helped by gifts to Our Christian World Mission is the Washtenaw County Black Economic Development League, Inc. of Ann Arbor, Michigan. WCBEDL is a non-profit agency for poor, black, and disenfranchised persons of Washtenaw County. The agency owns and operates a multi-media center, a fully-equipped facility for teaching the use of all forms of media.

At present, the program of WCBEDL includes: media training aimed at employment in the broadcast industry, youth development in media-enrichment for six- to fifteen-year-olds, high-school courses and financial assistance for students, cooperation with industry and unions to increase the number of minority people in skilled trades and in the construction industry, and community programs to improve the physical development of the local area. An annual budget of approximately $61,000 includes $2,500 from the Michigan U.C.C. Conference and $1,000 from the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries.

Through your giving to Our Christian World Mission, you have a part in this important project.

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Put out into the deep

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Mrs. Mary Alice Bragg, Director of Music

February 10, 1980 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE To God We Bring Our Praise Bach

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit: This is the Day the Lord Has Made
Unison Prayer: Come to us, God of Grace, and unite our hearts and minds with you and with one another as we gather for prayer and worship in the name of your Son. Amen.
* Hymn 6 "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above"

THE LIVING WORD OF SCRIPTURE
Old Testament Reading Isaiah 6:1-8
New Testament Reading Luke 5:1-11

THE WORD OF PRAYER
Prayer Hymn 318 "Draw Thou My Soul, O Christ"
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Sicilienne Young
* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

THE SPOKEN WORD OF INTERPRETATION
* The Statement of Faith (all uniting)
Welcome
Anthem
Sermon A Glimpse of God Dr. Hamilton

GOING OUT TO SERVE
* Hymn 372 "How Firm A Foundation"
* Benediction
* Choral Response God Be With You

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting that you sign the guest register in the narthex. Greeters of the Day are Mr. E. W. Brafford and Mr. Kenneth Clem.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. John D. Schmidt in memory of their parents.

TODAY: 4:00 Confirmation Class
7:00 Senior Hi Youth
7:00 Procedures Committee
7:00 Music Committee

PERSONS who are considering church membership are asked to indicate their interest to the Pastor. An exploratory class for new members will be forming during Lent.

FAMILY NIGHT, next Sunday evening at 6:00, will be a covered dish supper sponsored by the Stewardship and Missionary Education Committee. The program on "The New China" will be presented by Miss Isabel Hemingway, a former United Church missionary to China and Turkey. Members are also urged to bring display articles from China.

YOU ARE INVITED to attend a dinner in recognition of Rev. and Mrs. James Morrison, our former Associate Conference Minister. The dinner will be held February 19 at 6:30 p.m. in McEwen Dining Hall. Reservations at five dollars each may be made through the church office or Conference office.

OTHER: Articles for "The Torch" are due tomorrow . . . Mrs. Oma Johnson is a resident of Kenton's Convalescent Center, 415 Sunset Drive, Fuquay, NC 27523

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 10, 1980

LUKE 5:1-11

"Put out into the deep." That was Jesus' word to Peter. "Go where the fish are." Luke sets the story of a great catch alongside his account of Jesus calling Simon. "Go where the fish are." In that word lies wisdom. In recent studies, people were asked what got them into the church. Many said that it was not the lure of church life *from inside.* Instead, somebody from the church came where they were and invited them. Go where the people are! Jesus did that. It meant interrupting a fishing expedition. But it netted as disciples such followers as James and John, the sons of Zebedee, and that stalwart, Simon Peter.

HELPING THE POOR IN WASHTENAW COUNTY

One of the agencies that is helped by gifts to Our Christian World Mission is the Washtenaw County Black Economic Development League, Inc. of Ann Arbor, Michigan. WCBEDL is a non-profit agency for poor, black, and disenfranchised persons of Washtenaw County. The agency owns and operates a multi-media center, a fully-equipped facility for teaching the use of all forms of media.

At present, the program of WCBEDL includes: media training aimed at employment in the broadcast industry, youth development in media-enrichment for six- to fifteen-year-olds, high-school courses and financial assistance for students, cooperation with industry and unions to increase the number of minority people in skilled trades and in the construction industry, and community programs to improve the physical development of the local area. An annual budget of approximately $61,000 includes $2,500 from the Michigan U.C.C. Conference and $1,000 from the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries.

Through your giving to Our Christian World Mission, you have a part in this important project.

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CHRIST RAISED FROM THE DEAD, THE FIRST FRUITS

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February 17, 1980 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Chorale for Continuo Walther

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit: The Lord is Near to All Who Call
Unison Prayer: Come to us, God of Grace,
and unite our hearts and minds with you
and with one another as we gather for prayer
and worship in the name of your son. Amen.
* Hymn 12 "From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

THE LIVING WORD OF SCRIPTURE
Old Testament Reading Psalm 67
New Testament Reading Matthew 5:1-11

THE WORD OF PRAYER
Prayer Hymn 242 "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Draw Nigh, O Christ Bach
* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

THE SPOKEN WORD OF INTERPRETATION
* The Statement of Faith (all uniting)
Welcome
Anthem Christ Is the World's True Light Bach
Sermon A Basket of Fruit Dr. Hamilton

GOING OUT TO SERVE
* Hymn 366 "God of Grace and God of Glory"
* Benediction
* Choral Response God Be With You

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Judge and Mrs. D. Marsh McLelland in memory of Andrew N. McLelland.

TODAY:

4:00	Confirmation Class
6:00	Family Night
8:00	Music Committee

THE FAMILY NIGHT this evening is a covered-dish supper planned by the Stewardship and Missionary Education Committee. Our guest speaker will be Miss Isabel Hemingway, former UCC missionary to China and Turkey.

YOU ARE INVITED to attend a dinner in recognition of Rev. and Mrs. James Morrison, our former Associate Conference Minister. The dinner will be held Tuesday evening at 6:30 in McEwen Dining Hall. Reservations at five dollars each may be made until tomorrow morning.

THE 1980 LENTEN STUDIES begin this Wednesday and continue each Wednesday during Lent. The theme will be "The Mountains of God". Bring your sandwich about noon. Beverage and dessert will be provided. The program this week will be led by the Pastor.

PERSONS who are considering church membership are asked to indicate their interest to the Pastor. An exploratory class for new members will be forming during Lent.

THE CONGREGATION UNITES in an expression of Christian Sympathy to the Families upon the death of Lawrence E. Fogleman, Jr. on February 12. Memorial Services were held here Thursday.

DAILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDES for March-April are available in the narthex.

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 17, 1980

I CORINTHIANS 15:12-20

Like crocuses in snow, or early corn, "first fruits" signal the harvest to come. Jesus' resurrection is such a sign. It is the promise and pledge of our resurrection. Already, Christ's "first fruits" ripen in us. We know new forgiveness of sin. We have new ability to forgive others. Before, we easily grew angry and contemptuous of others. Now, we are growing in acceptance, patience, and love. The focus of our concern is turning outward toward others, away from self-preoccupation. In us is new power to hope as we confidently await life's "last fruits"—our resurrection from our own death into new life with Jesus Christ.

BENEATH THE SURFACE, A TRANSFORMED FAITH

Vivian Era Adzaku, a missionary of our United Church Board for World Ministries, is working with her husband, Lawson Adzaku, for the Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Ho, Ghana. Lawson is a business teacher who left teaching in order to serve as the assistant manager of the Social Services Centre run by the E.P. Church. Vivian is the housemother of Snitker House, a dormitory for 60 girls of the Mawuli School, a boarding school for over 900 high-school students. Vivian is also the head of the English Department at Mawuli and this past year taught about 320 students who ranged in age from 12 to 20.

While the Mawuli School was founded and initially run by Ghanaian Christians, it now receives government funding and is subject to government control. Vivian reports that for many of the students and staff, Christian observances seem to be just on the surface, as alien rituals, and certainly not evidence of a transforming faith. The Adzakus, concerned to help students push beneath the surface, have started a small Bible-study group that is related to the Child Evangelism program of the church. Today, over 200 children crowd into two small rooms for a regular Church School program.

The United Church Board for World Ministries responds to specific requests of the Ghanaian Church for specialized personnel such as Vivian Era Adzaku. You make this response possible by your gifts to Our Christian World Mission.

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MAKE RESPONSE

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February 24, 1980 First Sunday in Lent 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Lenten Soliloquy Nevin

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit Let Us Come to the Throne
Unison Prayer: Grant us, Father, now to sing our deepest joys, our hopes to bring. Lift up our hearts that we may be here before you in honesty. In all we sing and feel and pray, we seek your presence here today. Amen.

* Hymn 170 "O Sacred Head Now Wounded"

THE LIVING WORD OF SCRIPTURE
Old Testament Reading Isaiah 40:27-31
New Testamant Reading Luke 4:1-13

THE WORD OF PRAYER
Prayer Hymn 153 "Lord, Who Throughout. . . "
A Litany With Silent Prayers

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Solo In Prayer Faure
(Denise Joines, Soprano)

* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

THE SPOKEN WORD OF INTERPRETATION
* The Statement of Faith (all uniting)
Welcome
Anthem My Savior Blest, My Peace and Rest Bach
Sermon To The Wilderness Dr. Hamilton

GOING OUT TO SERVE
* Hymn 150 "O Love, How Deep, How Broad" (st.1-4)
* Benediction
* Choral Response God Be With You

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in honor of our church choirs and their directors, Mrs. Mary Alice Bragg and Mrs. Peggy Lackey, by Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Hughes.

TODAY:

3:00	Anniversary Committee
4:00	Confirmation Class
7:00	Senior Hi Youth
7:00	Worship Committee
8:00	Christian Education Committee

THE WEDNESDAY LENTEN STUDIES begin at noon and will dismiss by 1:00 p.m. This week's session on Mt. Sinai will be led by Dr. James Overton. Bring a sandwich; beverage and dessert will be provided.

THE BLUE AND GOLD BANQUET of Pack 51 will be Thursday evening at 6:30 in the Parish House.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. John Pendergrass and grandparents Mr. and Mrs. William Pendergrass upon the birth of Melissa Joines Pendergrass on February 16, and to Mr. and Mrs. Michael White and grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Willard White upon the birth of a daughter on February 22.

YOUR LENTEN GIFT of an olive-wood cross from Bethlehem may be secured from the narthex table.

PERSONS who are considering church membership are asked to indicate their interest to the Pastor. An exploratory class for new members will be forming during Lent.

OTHER: Daily Devotional Guides for March-April are available in the narthex . . . Articles for "The Torch" are due tomorrow.

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 24, 1980

DEUTERONOMY 26:5-11

LENT: A TIME TO GROW

How shall we let the weeks of Lent become a time for us to grow
In the spirit of Jesus Christ and in his courage to meet our world?
We can open our lives to . . .
Jesus' baptism, "the Spirit of God descending like a dove,"
The power of God at work in him and in us to bring peace,
Not as the absence of conflict but the presence of concord.
Jesus' temptation, "into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil,"
The struggle with evil for him and for us to set priorities straight
As to profits, prestige, and power in serving God alone.
Jesus' preaching, "the gospel of the kingdom,"
The verbal and visual proclamation in him and in us of God's reign
To challenge all self-exalting lust with God's justice-bringing love.
Jesus' healing, "healing every disease and every infirmity,"
The concern by him and by us for physical and psychic illness
With a compassion that cares and makes persons whole.
Jesus' teaching, "as one who had authority,"
The incisive and incarnate instruction in him and in us which we impart
Not as footnotes to impress learners but as grace-notes to inspire lovers.
Jesus' dying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself."
The utter faithfulness and self-giving caring in him and in us
Not to recoil with compromise but to risk all with courage.
Jesus' rising, "He is not here; for he has risen."
The power of God's new creation in him and in us to show the victory
Of self-giving love and God's purpose to give life forever.
Can he guide our Lenten pilgrimage and give us courage?

Paul L. Hammer
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March 2, 1980 Second Sunday in Lent 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Christ, Who Bore the Sins of the World Reger

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit Rejoice in the Lord Youth Choir
Unison Prayer: Father of us all, we wait for you now. We wait for inspiration and direction. We wait in confidence for we have already seen your creative, sustaining work among us. We wait for you now, Father of us all. Amen.
* Hymn 15 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

THE LIVING WORD OF SCRIPTURE
Old Testament Reading Isaiah 42:1-9
New Testament Reading Luke 9:28-36

THE WORD OF PRAYER
Prayer Hymn 153 "Lord, Who Throughout . . . "
Pastoral Prayer
A Litany of Thanks (insert)

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Allegro Bach
* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

THE SPOKEN WORD OF INTERPRETATION
* An Affirmation of Faith (insert)
Welcome
Anthem O Come and Mourn McGlohan
Sermon To The Mountain Dr. Hamilton

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God the Father Almighty
Maker of heaven and earth
Lord of history and Provider of meanings
in whose goodness we have been sustained
from whose love we cannot be separated.

Thus we embrace life, all of it ---
people, places and things
party clothes and work clothes
failure and success
laughter and tears
birthdays, holidays, holy days, plain days.

Through it all
we hope to hear the Word of God
we seek to do the will of God.

A LITANY OF THANKS

Pastor: We praise Thee and thank Thee, O God of our joy; for the gift of life in a wonderful world; for days of health and nights of quiet sleep,

People: We thank Thee, O God, we praise Thy glorious name.

Pastor: For breath of winds, the scent of flowers the glory of trees, the rhythm of seasons,

People: We thank thee, O God.

Pastor: For our homes and our friends; for the gentle, the faithful and the loving people of the world,

People: We thank Thee, O God, our Father and our Friend.

Pastor: For the encouragement of their love, the support of their confidence, and the faithfulness of their counsels,

People: We thank thee, O God.

Pastor: For the beauty of their lives through which thou hast shined upon us like the sun through eastern windows,

People: We thank thee, O God.

Pastor: For Christ who called us not servants but friends,

People: We thank thee, O God.

Pastor: For the faith that makes faithful; for Thy gifts to every child of earth; for the privilege of sharing what we receive, and of helping others to obtain their share of Thy bounty,

People: We thank Thee, O God, Thou fount of life and joy.

Pastor: For the good at the heart of the world; for faith in the eternal goodness; and for all gladness of life,

People: We thank thee, O God, we wonder and adore.

Choral Response

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn 162 "Before the Cross of Jesus"
* Benediction
* Choral Response God Be With You

* Indicates when the congregation will stand

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Brafford in memory of Mrs. Grace Dismukes.

TODAY:

4:00	Women's Fellowship Executive Board
4:00	Confirmation Class
6:30	Stewardship and Missionary Education
6:30	Senior Hi Youth
6:30	Board of Trustees
6:30	Board of Deacons

THE WEDNESDAY LENTEN STUDIES begin at noon and dismiss by 1:00 p.m. This week's session on Mt. Gerazim will be led by Dr. Clyde Fields. Bring a sandwich; beverage and dessert will be provided.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE, sponsored by Church Women United, will be held Friday at St. John's UCC.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Brafford upon the death of his sister, Mrs. Grace Dismukes of Garner, NC on February 24.

FAMILY NIGHT including covered dish supper and hymn-sing is next Sunday. Our guest speaker will be the Rev. Dan Jones of Reidsville.

A COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR, sponsored by Telephone Pioneers of America, will be held at Holly Hill Mall Thursday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 2, 1980

PHILIPPIANS 3:17-4:1

Many people feel dominated today by forces they cannot control. Christians in Philippi could have felt that way. Roman law demanded emperor worship. Rival religions were branded infidel and subversive. Held prisoner in Rome, the apostle Paul would soon be martyred. Nero loomed on the horizon: Christians faced persecution. In a critical hour for the Christian community, Paul's word was, "Stand firm." And stand firm they did. In this sensate, secular, insecure time, does not the gospel call and equip us to "stand firm" in and for Christ, today?

OUR CONTINUING CONCERN FOR CHILDREN

Jesus' concern for children challenges the church in every age. Last year, churches of many denominations joined in observing the International Year of the Child. Now that the IYC is over, shall we turn away to other concerns? We dare not!

- Of the 66 million U.S. citizens who are under eighteen, 26% live in dire poverty.
- Approximately 7% to 14% receive no regular medical care; 30% have never seen a dentist.
- Approximately 12% are handicapped, of whom 62% of those under five are not receiving the care they need.
- Three times as many youngsters committed suicide in 1977 as did in 1950; the rate for teenage males has tripled since 1950.
- Approximately 13% of seventeen-year-olds who are in school are functionally illiterate.
- Approximately 77 thousand youngsters under eighteen are in prison.

How does your congregation show its concern for children? Beyond providing Christian education and fellowship opportunities for children and youth of church-related families, what ways have you found to share Jesus' own concern for children?

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TURN ASIDE

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Stacy Dean and Beth Barbee, Acolytes

March 9, 1980 Third Sunday in Lent 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Christ, Who Bore the Sins of the World Reger

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit Rejoice in the Lord Youth Choir
Unison Prayer: Father of us all, we wait for you now. We wait for inspiration and direction. We wait in confidence for we have already seen your creative, sustaining work among us. We wait for you now, Father of us all. Amen.
* Hymn 15 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

THE LIVING WORD OF SCRIPTURE
Old Testament Reading Exodus 3:1-7
New Testament Readings Mark 1:14,15 Luke 13:1-9

THE WORD OF PRAYER
Prayer Hymn 153 "Lord, Who Throughout . . "
Pastoral Prayer
A Litany for God's People (insert)

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Allegro Bach
* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

THE SPOKEN WORD OF INTERPRETATION
* An Affirmation of Faith (insert)
Welcome
Anthem O Come and Mourn McGlohan
Sermon Preaching in Lent Dr. Hamilton

A LITANY FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

L. The Lord God has called us to be his people, his Church. Let us respond with love and praise; You are the Light of the world. . let your light so shine before all, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. (Matthew 5:14, 16).

P. Through all times and places his word has proved true. Praise him forever for his faithfulness.

L. You are the church of God. . sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. (I Corinthians 1:2).

P. Through all times and places his word has proved true. Praise him forever for his faithfulness.

L. You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, that you may declare the wonderful deeds of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. (I Peter 2:9).

P. Through all times and places his word has proved true. Praise him forever for his faithfulness.

L. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age. (Matthew 28:19-20).

P. Through all times and places his word has proved true. Praise him forever for his faithfulness.

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God the Father Almighty
Maker of heaven and earth
Lord of history and Provider of meanings
in whose goodness we have been sustained
from whose love we cannot be separated.

Thus we embrace life, all of it ---
people, places and things
party clothes and work clothes
failure and success
laughter and tears
birthdays, holidays, holy days, plain days.

Through it all
we hope to hear the Word of God
we seek to do the will of God.

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn 162 "Before the Cross of Jesus"
* Benediction
* Choral Response God Be With You

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting that you sign the guest register in the narthex. Greeters of the Day are Mr. George Noah and Mr. Ralph Oxford.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Roland Longest in memory of her father, Mr. Homer J. Cochran, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter R. Longest.

TODAY:

4:00	Board of Deacons
6:30	Family Night
6:30	Senior Hi Youth
7:00	Music Committee

THE FAMILY NIGHT this evening begins with a covered-dish supper at 6:30. A Hymn-Sing will follow at 7:30 with a message by Rev. Dan Jones of the Reidsville UCC.

THE WEDNESDAY LENTEN STUDIES begin at noon and dismiss by 1:00 p.m. This week's session on Mt. Carmel will be led by Rev. William Long. Bring a sandwich; beverage and dessert will be provided.

THE BLOODMOBILE will be at the Parish House tomorrow from 11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Your help is needed to reach a goal of 150 pints.

OUR SPECIAL OFFERING for One Great Hour of Sharing will be received during next Sunday's Service of Worship. This week's issue of "The Torch" will include the envelopes for your use.

OTHER: Ceramics classes for adults begin tomorrow evening. . . Articles for "The Torch" are due tomorrow. . . The Thrift Shop will be open Saturday morning.

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 9, 1980

EXODUS 3:1-8, 13-15

Horeb's shrub shines bright in human imagination. It glows in poems, novels, and paintings. It lights up sermons and essays. Its shadow marks synagogue walls as crosses do churches. Moses' bush and Christ's Cross have a similar meaning. God on Horeb, as God at Golgotha, is Compassion: "I have seen the affliction of my people . . . I know their sufferings." As does Calvary, Horeb shows a divine Fellow-Sufferer who shares human travail. To Moses, as in Christ, God comes as strong Deliverer from all that threatens to enslave and destroy human life.

SHARING FOR DEVELOPMENT

Next Sunday, many congregations across the United States will observe *One Great Hour of Sharing Sunday.* In the United Church of Christ, OGHS monies are used by the Service Division of the United Church Board for World Ministries to accomplish four kinds of work:

- Agricultural development
- Medical and social services
- Relief for refugees
- Reconstruction for victims of disasters

The amount raised by this annual all-church offering in the United Church of Christ is approaching $2 million. The theme for 1980 is "Lord, when did we see you . . .?"

While short-term emergency relief is often the most highly visible part of the OGHS program, the long-term medical and social services and agricultural development are probably even more important. As we are reminded, "to give a person a fish can provide sustenance for a day; to teach a person how to fish, can provide sustenance for a lifetime."

Plan now to give generously to the *One Great Hour of Sharing* all-church offering when it is received in your congregation. Your help is really needed!

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BE GLAD

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March 16, 1980 Fourth Sunday in Lent 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Chaconne in d minor Froberger

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured
Unison Prayer: Unto thy temple, Lord,
we come with thankful hearts to worship.
May your divine blessing be upon us
to guide, strengthen, and unite us. Amen.
* Hymn 3 "God Himself Is With Us"

THE LIVING WORD OF SCRIPTURE
New Testament Readings Luke 15:11-32
II Corinthians 5:16-21

THE WORD OF PRAYER
Pastoral Prayer
Responsive Prayer (insert)
Prayer Hymn 1 "Our God, Our Help"

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Jesus Christ, Thy Cross Alone Bach
* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

THE SPOKEN WORD OF INTERPRETATION
* An Affirmation of Faith (insert)
Welcome
Anthem When Did We See You? R. Duck
Sermon Two Sons and a Father Dr. Hamilton

GOING OUT TO SERVE
* Hymn 157 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"
* Benediction
* Choral Response God Be With You

A RESPONSIVE PRAYER

Pastor: Our God, our help in ages past . .

People: . . from the beginning before all beginnings,
from the time before time began,
through all the ages and the eons,
through all the centuries and the generations,
He who made the world and its people
has upheld his great creation. . .

Pastor: . . our hope for years to come . .

People: . . always He is ahead of us,
holding open the days we are about to enter,
keeping real choices alive there,
keeping real chances ready for us,
so that, whatever the circumstances,
we can be free people still.

Pastor: . . our shelter from the stormy blast . .

People: . . shelter from the storms outside:
natural storms, international storms,
community storms, family storms,
shelter from the storms inside:
storms of temptation and pride,
storms of guilt, storms of grief . .

Pastor: . . and our eternal home.

People: He is our hope of heaven,
with all that that means for life on earth:
an end to panic,
beginning to live with quiet confidence,
passing God's favor on to others,
helping the world to see its one true hope.

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God
whose love we know
in the beauty of his world,
in daily bread,
in the kindness of human hearts,
and most clearly in Jesus of Nazareth.

We believe that Jesus is the Christ
whose touch of grace
makes our eyes to see,
our ears to hear,
strengthens us to do all things in him,
and delivers us from death to life.

We believe in the Holy Spirit
in whose power there is peace,
and in whose presence there is joy.

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting that you sign the guest register in the narthex. Greeters of the Day are Mr. Ken Harper and Mr. T. L. Smith.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. C. Dwight Wall in memory of Miss Marsha Lankford.

TODAY:	4:00	Confirmation Class
	6:30	Senior Hi Youth
	8:00	Christian Education Committee

THE FUN CLUB meets Tuesday morning at 10:00 in the Updyke Choral Center. Dr. Chris White of the Elon College faculty will speak and show slides of Egypt.

THE WEDNESDAY LENTEN STUDIES begin at noon and dismiss by 1:00 p.m. This week's session on Mt. Tabor (Mark 9:2-8) will be led by Dr. James Overton. Bring a sandwich; beverage and dessert will be provided.

ENVELOPES are available in the narthex for the special offering to One Great Hour of Sharing. Our goal is to exceed last year's contribution of $583.25.

THE ANTHEM TODAY is presented at the request of the Stewardship and Missionary Education Committee as part of the emphasis on One Great Hour of Sharing.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 16, 1980

LUKE 15:11-32

It's hard to struggle for love and approval, then see them heaped on others who don't deserve them. It's worse to be asked to "be glad" for such people. Jesus does that in the story of a playboy who, now broke, comes home to waiting arms and a banquet. The story suggests God's lavish love for wastrels who regain their senses. It warns us not to stand in the sandals of the resentful son who stayed at home but never got the acclaim he felt he had earned. Which spirit is like yours? The homebody's? The homecomer's? God's, whose love is the soul's true home?

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING MEETS DISASTERS HEAD-ON

Disasters are no respecters of persons. The church, inspired by a gospel of love and led by a God who redeems, is. Many massive governmental resources are brought to bear in an emergency, but it is the church—Roman Catholic, Orthodox, and Protestant denominations, because they are there already—which is able to provide immediate and direct assistance. It is the church that remains for the long-term, post-emergency rehabilitation and revitalization of lives and communities following a disaster. It is the church, too, that settles more refugees than any other group or agency.

The devastating floods in Brazil in the spring of 1979 are an example. The worst floods in 50 years left 3/4 million persons homeless and 74 cities under water. The church, through Church World Service and Lutheran World Relief, made the largest shipment ever from the New Windsor Service Center, over 1 million pounds—30 trailer loads—of clothing, blankets, soap, and household supplies over a two-week period. The supplies were dispensed by the ecumenical church service agency, Diaconia Brazil, with help from the One Great Hour of Sharing.

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ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
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Elon College, North Carolina

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Alfred W. Hurst, Pastor Emeritus
Mrs. Mary Alice Bragg, Director of Music
Chris Vickers and Dan Hamilton, Acolytes

March 23, 1980 Fifth Sunday in Lent 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Adagio Mozart

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured
Unison Prayer: Our Father in heaven, gladly we come to your worship, awed by your majesty but made bold by your goodness. Bless us here with the strength it takes to do your holy will. Amen

* Hymn 206 "Ye Servants of God"

THE LIVING WORD OF SCRIPTURE
New Testament Readings Luke 22:14-30
Philippians 3:8-14
Anthem Duet "Verily, Thou Shalt Be" Dubois
from the Seven Last Words
(James Glenn, Tenor; William Ginn, Baritone)

THE WORD OF PRAYER
Pastoral Prayer
Responsive Prayer (insert)
Prayer Hymn 341 "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Solo "Ingemisco" Verdi
from the Requiem
(James Glenn, Tenor)

* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

A RESPONSIVE PRAYER

Pastor: Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways:

People: When we don't know what we are doing,
and when we know very well
what we ought to be doing
and aren't doing it;

Pastor: When we try to love you
without serving you,
and when we try to serve you
without serving each other;

People: When we seek forgiveness
without confession,
and when we seek forgiveness
without forgiving;

Pastor: When we speak without thinking,
and when we think without acting;

People: When we miss the mark,
and when we aim too low.

Unison: In this season,
restore us to our rightful minds
and to the joy of our salvation!
Amen.

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God:
we believe that he loved us before we were bo
and that nothing in all creation
can separate us from his love.

We believe in Jesus Christ:
we believe that he is the way,
the truth and the life,
and that he calls us to love each other.

We believe in the Holy Spirit:
we believe that we know his presence
in our gathering,
and that we receive his power
as we scatter to serve.

THE SPOKEN WORD OF INTERPRETATION

* An Affirmation of Faith (insert)

Welcome

Sermon Lent's Perspective on Greatness

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn 177 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

* Benediction

* Choral Response God Be With You

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting that you sign the guest register in the narthex. Greeters of the Day are Mrs. Reggie McLelland and Mr. W. E. Price, Jr.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Cary Matlock in honor of Mrs. James H. Simpson and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Matlock, Sr. and Mr. Donald H. Perry.

TODAY: 4:00 Confirmation Class
6:30 Senior Hi Youth

YOU ARE INVITED to meet with the Confirmation Class at four o'clock today as they view a film on the history and heritage of the United Church of Christ.

THE WEDNESDAY LENTEN STUDIES begin at noon and dismiss by 1:00 p.m. This week's session on "Mt. Zion" will be led by Dr. William Sloan. Bring a sandwich; beverage and dessert will be provided.

OUR SPECIAL OFFERING last Sunday for One Great Hour of Sharing amounted to $486.25. Envelopes remain on the narthex table for your contribution.

THE CONGREGATION UNITES in expressions of Christian Sympathy to Dr. and Mrs. J. Earl Danieley and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wood upon the death of Mrs. Henry Danieley on March 18.

AN EGG HUNT for younger children will be held here on Saturday morning at 10:30

HOSPITALIZED: Mrs. Juanita Loy at Memorial.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 23, 1980

PHILIPPIANS 3:8-14

The word "Christian" is a noun. It tells *who* I am. It is the identity I am given by a gracious God who loves and values me beyond all my deserving. The Apostle Paul put it, "Not having a righteousness of my own . . . but that which is through faith in Christ." And the word "Christian" is an adjective. It describes *what* I am and aspire to become. It is an excellence I seek with God's help and Christ's light. "I have not made it my own; but one thing I do," said Paul, "I press on toward . . . the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." Press on.

PARTNERSHIP IN THE NEAR EAST

In Lebanon, on the West Bank of the Jordan River, and in Cyprus, the United Church Board for World Ministries works in partnership with the Middle East Council of Churches, an interdenominational agency that since 1974 has represented the interests of some nine million Christians, including four Greek Orthodox Churches, four Oriental Orthodox Churches, and fifteen Evangelical and Anglican Churches.

The Middle East Council of Churches asks our partnership in programs aiding Palestinian refugees located in Lebanon and on the West Bank, in providing new opportunities in the church for women and youth, in hearing their views on the Arab/Palestinian/Israeli turmoil and interpreting their needs in the United States, and in finding the role for Christians as peacemakers in rebuilding a torn and divided society through Christian-Muslim understanding and working for human rights and justice.

You participate in support of the Middle East Council of Churches when you give to Our Christian World Mission. The MECC receives a substantial amount each year from budgeted funds of the United Church Board for World Ministries.

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THE KING WHO COWES

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March 30, 1980 Palm Sunday 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE The Royal Banners Forward Go Van Hulse

CALL TO WORSHIP The Minister

*PROCESSIONAL 195 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

*INTROIT

Pastor: The disciples began to rejoice
and praise God, proclaiming to all:

People: Blessed is He
who comes in the name of the Lord.

Pastor: Let everything that hath breath
praise the Lord.

People: Hosanna in the highest!

Choir: Draw Nigh to Thy Jerusalem Williams

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Luke 19:28-44

RESPONSE OF FAITH

* The Gloria Patri
* The Statement of Faith

ANTHEM Lift Up Your Heads Combined Choirs

SERVICE OF PRAYER

The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People

THE OFFERING

Offertory The King of Glory is Come Nevins

* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication
* Hymn 227 "Fairest Lord Jesus"

SERMON Retreating from the Point of No Return

*HYMN 175 "Ride On, Ride on in Majesty"

*BENEDICTION
Congregational Response 199 "Crown Him" (st. 1)

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THE PALM ARRANGEMENT on the altar is given to the Glory of God in memory of Rev. John R. Kittenger and Patricia Kittenger by the Family. Following the Service, individual palm branches will be distributed to each worshiper.

THANKS to the various musicians assisting with the ministry of music today: Mrs. Bragg, Director of Music, Mrs. Peggy Lackey and the Youth Choir, Dr. David Bragg and the Adult Choir, Bruce Piner and Tom Green, trumpets, Cedric Richmond and Andy Fagley, trombones, and Jill Bennett, flute.

TODAY:
4:00 Confirmation Class
6:00 Anniversary Committee
6:30 - 8:30 Senior Hi Youth
7:30 Board of Deacons

THE WEDNESDAY LENTEN STUDIES begin at noon and will dismiss by 1:00 p.m. This week's session on "The Mount of Olives" will be led by Dr. Hurst. Bring a sandwich; beverage and dessert will be provided.

OUR MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE begins at 7:30 p.m. and will include the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

NEXT SUNDAY the Easter Breakfast will be held at 8:30 The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated at 11:00.

OTHER: If you wish to provide an Easter Lily, please call the office secretary by Wednesday. . . Articles for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 30, 1980

LUKE 19:28-40

Said a Texas woman to a news photographer, "Our churches don't need steeples; we have the grain elevators." For her, grain elevators aptly symbolize and measure the soul's aspiration. Steeples point vaguely to a distant eternity. Elevators point immediately to next year's harvest. We who today herald Jesus as "King" look beyond the immediate. Through Jesus, we see a "high and lofty One who inhabits eternity," the God who comes in creative judgment to stand above all government halls, oil derricks, missile silos, grain elevators, *and* church steeples.

WAVE BRANCHES FOR THE KING

A king arrives triumphantly in Jerusalem. He rides no warlike steed, but a simple donkey. He comes not as a returning victor in war, but as the one in whom there is victory over war.

Children dance. Coats carpet the parade route. Into the city of the great King David, Jesus rides. People wave branches, shouting, "Blessed be the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

Jesus rides to his coronation. But it is a coronation unlike that which the people imagine. Deliberately, Jesus chooses to ride into the center of a storm. While his followers exult, those in power fear, for Jesus challenges the political-religious establishment.

Beginning with a triumphant parade, the week will end with agony, betrayal, death, burial. The king's only crown will be a crown of thorns, his only throne, a cross.

Living on this side of the resurrection, we know that the story does not end in defeat. Jesus is not a victim, but a victor. In the cross, God lovingly takes our twisted, disfigured human situation and transforms it into a new creation.

So we walk with Jesus in triumph, sustained by a faith that does not see the cross as the end, but as the prelude to Easter. Jesus Christ *is* King. We celebrate Christ's reign!

Harold M. Daniels, Director
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ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
Maundy Thursday Worship
April 3, 1980

ORGAN PRELUDE
O Sacred Head Now Wounded — Bach

A SILENT PRAYER
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation and uphold me with thy free spirit.

HYMN 158 "Go To Dark Gethsemane"

THE BETRAYAL — Matthew 26:20-25

THE DESERTION — Matthew 26:31-35

HYMN 329 "O Jesus, Thou Art Standing" (stanza 3)

THE AGONY — Luke 22:39-44

THE VIGIL — Mark 14:32-41

HYMN 178 "Tis Midnight and on Olive's Brow"

THE ACCEPTANCE — John 17:1-6

THE PRAYER FOR UNITY — John 17:15-22

ANTHEM O Come and Mourn — McGlohan

THE ARREST — John 18:1-5

THE VIA DOLOROSA — Mark 15:16-20

THE MEDITATION <u>Await the Promised Day</u>

A CONFESSION OF SIN (all uniting)

Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess our many sins which we have committed by thought, word, and deed. We do earnestly repent. For the sake of thy dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us; and grant that we may hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life. Amen.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE UPPER ROOM REMEMBRANCE

The Words of Institution
The Prayer of Consecration
The Communion

(Participants may come forward individually for private communion served at the chancel steps. After communing, please return to a pew for private meditation until all have communed.)

*A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Jesus, you have died that we might live.
People: Humbly, we thank you.
Pastor: You have suffered that we might be forgiven.
People: Humbly, we thank you.
Pastor: You will rise again that we may have eternal life.
People: Humbly, we thank you.
Pastor: Make us strong in our faith and secure in our hope that we may die to rise again with you.
People: Humbly, we ask you. Amen.

*BENEDICTION

Alleluia
OCCASIONS MK 14:19

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RISEN INDEED

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Gray Lackey and Andre Wilkins, Acolytes

April 6, 1980 Easter Sunday 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Fanfare for Easter Nevins

CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL 182 "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

*INTROIT

Pastor: Yesterday the world was dark:
the curtain of the temple was rent,
the earth shook, even guards wondered
if this man was Son of God.

People: Today the world rejoices,
for the risen Savior lives again among us.
All praise to Jesus Christ.

Choir: Easter Morning Christiansen

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 24:13-35 Dr. Fields

ANTHEM Lillies of the Dawn Marryott

THE PASTORAL PRAYER
Easter Litany (insert)

THE OFFERING
Offertory Duet Sound the Trumpet Purcell
(Mary Ann Johnston, Soprano;
Denise P. Joines, Soprano)

* Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

SERMON Road to Emmaus Dr. Hamilto

EASTER LITANY

From the dust of vainly traveled highways and the
veariness of almost forgotten hopes:

LIFT UP OUR EYES TO THEE, O LORD.

From the mysteries of evil, and pain, and sorrow,
nd from the dark records of history and tradition:

LIFT UP OUR EYES TO THEE, O LORD.

From the scenes of temporal power and splendor and
rom all evidences of human confidence in might,
ppression, and the enslavement of mankind:

LIFT UP OUR EYES TO THEE, O LORD.

From the depths of our sin, the limitations of our
ision, the failures of our will, the littleness of
ur experience in a vast and eternal world:

LIFT UP OUR EYES TO THEE, O LORD.

That we may know life with its eternal setting and
ackground, and become new creatures with minds set
n things above:

GRANT US THE VICTORY, WE PRAY.

That we may see fulfilled before our eyes the
iracle of seed-growth and the recurring and symbolic
iracles of nature:

GRANT US THE VICTORY, WE PRAY.

That we may have the power to do greater things,
suffer even a cross, to die that we might no longer
beholden to death through thy spirit in us:

GRANT US THE VICTORY, WE PRAY.

That we may burst asunder all tombs of selfishness,
ride, unbrotherhood, and unworthiness, and attain
to thy fullness through his power:

GRANT US THE VICTORY, WE PRAY.

That we may transform every defeat into triumph,
very opposition into a way of help, every sacrifice
to a means of new attainment:

GRANT US THE VICTORY, WE PRAY.

That we may know life abundant and eternal, and
ce the mysteries beyond with radiant confidence
d smiling hope unto the eternal day of peace and
ll spiritual living:

GRANT US THE VICTORY, WE PRAY. AMEN.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Mr. A. I. Braxton by Mrs. A. I. Braxt and family.

EASTER LILIES are placed in the chancel to the Glo of God

in memory of John W. Barney, Jr.
by the family;

in memory of Mrs. Grace Danieley
and in honor of Mrs. Tennie Daniels
by Dr. and Mrs. J. Earl Danieley;

in memory of Lewis R. Drumm
by Mrs. Lewis R. Drumm;

in memory of her mother, Mrs. Emma Tong
by Mrs. Lewis R. Drumm;

in memory of J. N. Griswold and N.P. Bryant
by Mr. and Mrs. James Griswold
and Mrs. Myrtle Griswold;

in memory of their fathers
by Dr. and Mrs. Hamilton;

in memory of W. C. Perry, Jr.
and in honor of Estelle L. Perry
by their grandchildren;

in memory of John G. Truitt
by Mrs. John G. Truitt

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION
The Invitation
Communion Collect
General Confession, Hymnal page 495
Assurance of God's Forgiveness
Words of Institution
Prayer of Consecration
The Communion
* Prayer of Thanksgiving, Hymnal page 496
*HYMN 192 "The Day of Resurrection"

*BENEDICTION
Cong. Response 193 "Thine Is the Glory" (st.1)

* Indicates when the congregation stands.

WELCOME to all who share our worship on this Easter Sunday and especially to the visitors among us. Visitors are asked to sign the Guest Register in the narthex or one of the cards in the pews. Greeters of the Day are Mr. E. W. Brafford and Mr. Kenneth Clem.

OUR PRACTICE is to observe "Open Communion", inviting all professing Christians to join us in this Sacrament of Faith.

TODAY: 6:30 Senior Hi Youth

THANKS to all who prepared, served, and attended the breakfast this morning.

CIRCLE 1 meets tomorrow morning at 10:00 with Mrs. Terrell. Other circles meet next week.

EASTER

APRIL 6, 1980

LUKE 24:13-35

When the women came running with news of an empty tomb and a risen Lord, the disciples first regarded it as an "idle tale." "Nonsense!" they said. But "nonsense" changed to "indeed": "Risen indeed!" "Indeed" translates a word Luke used that means "actually" and "in reality." For you, is the resurrection a beautiful but unreal story? Or, do you understand your own reality by its light? Does Christ shine through you as Christ shines through a St. Francis, a Mother Theresa, a Martin Luther King, Jr.? Your *in deed*—does it show Christ's life today?

EASTER WORSHIP

On the beach at Kailua, on the island of Oahu, in the state of Hawaii, the singular, almost-musical trumpeting of a conch shell sounds at sunrise each Easter, summoning hundreds of worshipers to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The Christians who gather here are unique only in that they represent ten congregations and seven denominations—Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Episcopal, Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian, Samoan Congregational, and United Church of Christ—in the Windward Coalition of Churches, in and around Kailua. These congregations have been assembling in various ways for more than a decade for worship, ministry, mission, and study.

At the conclusion of their Easter sunrise worship these Pacific Christians receive the sacrament of Holy Communion, using the liturgical guidelines of the Consultation on Church Union, self-consciously trying to work their way toward a visible, practical unity in our common Lord.

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"Come and have Break-fast"

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April 13, 1980 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Prelude in b minor Chopin

CALL TO WORSHIP Isaiah 40:31

Pastor: They who wait for the Lord
shall renew their strength,
People: they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall march on and never grow faint.
Choir: Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN 181 "Alleluia! The Strife Is O'er"

UNISON READING 133 I Corinthians 15 p. 547

ANTHEM All in the April Evening Roberton

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 21:1-14

SERVICE OF PRAYER
Prayer Hymn 333 "Father Almighty, Bless Us . . "
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People

THE OFFERING
Offertory Bourree Handel
* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own
* Prayer of Dedication

SERMON — You Are the Evidence — Dr. Hamilton

HYMN 60 — "Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name"

BENEDICTION

Congregational Response — The Doxology

WELCOME to all who share our worship today and especially to our visitors. Visitors are asked to sign the guest register in the narthex. Greeters of the Day are Mr. Howard Loy and Dr. George Troxler.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Vickers, Jr. in memory of his father and in honor of his mother.

TODAY:	4:00	Confirmation Class
	6:30	Senior High Youth
	7:00	Music Committee
MONDAY:		Circles 2,3,4, and 5
	7:00	Adult Ceramics Class
TUESDAY:	9:45	Fun Club
	7:30	Circle 6
WEDNESDAY:	7:00	Anniversary Committee
	7:30	Adult Choir
THURSDAY:	6:30	Men's Fellowship Dinner at Huey's Barbeque
SATURDAY:	10:30	Thrift Shop

OTHER: A Coffee Hour in the Updyke Choral Center will follow our Service today . . . Articles for "The Torch" are due tomorrow . . . Mrs. Estelle Perry is a patient at Memorial . . . Our Service next Sunday will be led by our Senior High Youth . . . An exploratory Class for new members meets next Sunday at 9:45.

SECOND SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE

APRIL 13, 1980

JOHN 21:1-14

Galilee. Daybreak. Bread and broiled fish. Breakfast. Place, time, and solid substance. No drift into outer space. Little mysticism. But much mystery. Jesus is alive. God has won out over the evil forces in Jerusalem: a wrong-headed Sanhedrin, the nervous power-brokering Romans, the sad, fickle mob. God, winning. Jesus, living—and seeming to say: "No striving for a while. And no staring off into heaven. Back to land. Later: work, testing, and ecstasy. Time enough for that. Eat, now. Come and have breakfast." Is worship not such a breakfast for us?

PROVIDING TOOLS FOR CHANGE

Africans know that learning will provide the greatest tool in the changing political climate of Southern Africa. The Mt. Selinda Institute, located in Rhodesia near the Mozambique border in the heart of the war zone, provides nearly 700 students—primary school, secondary school, and teacher-training college students—with a curriculum that includes English, Arithmetic, History, Geography, French, Vernacular Languages, Bible Knowledge, and Science.

Ever since the neighboring secondary school at Chikore was expropriated by the Rhodesian government and many other nearby schools were shut down, the Institute has struggled to absorb the many desperate young people who were attending the other schools. Mt. Selinda was founded in 1892 by one of the predecessor boards of our United Church Board for World Ministries. It is now related to the United Church of Christ in Rhodesia, an indigenous denomination. The first African principal took charge in 1969. The school continues with an African principal and a staff of 28 teachers and 55 other employees.

The UCBWM provides scholarships for students, many of whose parents are unable to earn enough to pay the fees the law requires of all black students. Last year, through the United Church Board for World Ministries, you helped to provide some $30,000 for National Leadership Training in Africa, plus nearly $15,000 for educational work, specifically in Rhodesia.

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LET Freedom Ring

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April 20, 1980 Youth Sunday 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE The Blue and the Gray Ensemble

CALL TO WORSHIP

UNISON PRAYER Lord, we don't mean to sit around and complain so much about the world. What we need to be doing is turning to you and saying, "We need you, God." At this moment, Lord, we are turning to you and asking you to help us to make the world better and new by helping us to act through faith in you. We pray this in the name of Christ. Amen.

*HYMN 382 "Onward Christian Soldiers"

THE LIVING WORD OF SCRIPTURE Psalm 33:10-22
II Corinthians 3:17
Galatians 5:13

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Duet Sicilienne Bach
(Alan Young, saxophone
Charles Wilkins, piano)

* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

*HYMN 437 "My Country 'Tis of Thee" st. 1

DRAMATIZATION Real Freedom Church Youth

WORDS OF PEACE

SOLO RESPONSE Peace I Leave With You James
(Laurie Stitt, soprano)

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in honor of all the young people of this congregation by Dr. and Mrs. Clyde Fields.

TODAY: 4:00 Confirmation Class
7:00 Camp Show at St. Mark's
7:00 Finance Committee
8:00 Christian Education Committee

OUR SERVICE this morning is being conducted by the Senior High Youth. With the increased concern in world affairs and the resurgence of American patriotism, the youth felt the church in America needs to realize that faith in Christ must play an active role in gaining and maintaining "real freedom" for all. Through this service we hope to unite this congregation in an active march toward freedom for all people.

SINCERE APPRECIATION is extended to all participants in this Service. The soloist is Miss Laurie Stitt, a student at Western High School. Other guest musicians are: Jerry Johnson, percussion; Tom Green, trumpet; and Andy Fagley, trombone. Thanks also to Mrs. Mary Alice Bragg and Charles Wilkins for helping today.

CAMP SHOW Tonight at 7:00 p.m. Rev. Richard Rinker will be presenting the 1980 Camp Show at St. Mark's Church. All rising fourth graders through young adults, parents, and anyone else who may be interested in learning more about the UCC summer camps is invited. Meet here tonight at 6:30 so that we can form carpools to St. Mark's.

OTHER Mrs. Estelle Perry is a patient at Memorial, Burlington and Mrs. Aundree Price of Greensboro Hospital. . . Reservations are due today for the District Churchmen's Fellowship dinner meeting at Berea Church Thursday evening. . . Family Night, celebrating our 89th birthday, is next Sunday evening at 6:30 at McEwen Dining Hall on the Elon College Campus.

FOUR FREEDOMS

The first is freedom of speech and expression--
everywhere in the world.

The second is freedom of every person to worship
God in his or her own way -- everywhere
in the world.

The third is freedom from want, which, translated
into world terms, means economic understanding
which will secure to every nation a
healthy, peaceful life for its
inhabitants -- everywhere in the world.

The fourth is freedom from fear, which, translated
into world terms, means a world wide
reduction of armaments to such a point
and in such a thorough fashion
that no nation will be in a position to
commit an act of physical aggression
against any neighbor --
anywhere in the world.

--- Franklin D. Roosevelt
The Four Freedoms

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April 27, 1980 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Gavotte in g minor Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP Revelation 7:15-17, 12

Pastor: He who sits upon the throne will shelter his people with his presence.

People: They shall neither hunger nor thirst any more for the Lamb will guide them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

Unison: Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God for ever and ever.

Choir: Fairest Lord Jesus

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN 15 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

UNISON READING 95 Psalm 100 p. 531

ANTHEM I Sing a Song of the Saints Youth Choir

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 10:22-30

SERVICE OF PRAYER

Prayer Hymn 77 "Be Still My Soul" (St. 1-2)

The Silent Prayers of the People

The Pastor's Prayer for the People

THE OFFERING

Offertory Vocalise Rachmaninoff

* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Ow

* Prayer of Dedication

SERMON Honest or Hostile? Dr. Hamilton

HYMN 397 "Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak"

BENEDICTION

Congregational Response The Doxology

WELCOME to all who share our worship today and especially to our visitors. Visitors are asked to sign the guest register in the narthex. Greeters of the Day are Mrs. Della Scott and Mr. Ken Harper.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. George Noah in memory of Mr. John Barney, Mr. Lewis Drumm, and Mr. L. E. Fogleman, Jr.

TODAY: 4:00 Confirmation Class
6:30 Family Night at McEwen Dining Hall

THE FAMILY NIGHT this evening, sponsored by the Music Committee, will be a covered-dish dinner in celebration of our 89th birthday. We especially encourage you to bring dishes prepared from recipes in our recent church cookbook. Several of our members will lead the program on the history of our congregation.

THE COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA CONCERT will be presented tomorrow evening at 8:30 in Whitley Auditorium. This concert is dedicated to Dr. C. Fletcher Moore, a member of this church and the Elon College Music Faculty, who will be retiring this year. For the second portion our church choir will join the college choir and orchestra in performing F. J. Haydn's Lord Nelson Mass.

THE SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION of our youth and reception of other adult new members will be held next Sunday.

OTHER: Mrs. Betty Fogleman is a patient at County Hospital . . . May Fellowship Day is Friday at noon at First Baptist Church, Burlington . . . Reservations are requested for the ENC Laity Rally to be held here next Sunday afternoon . . . Articles for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE

APRIL 27, 1980

REVELATION 7:9-17

The Revelation to John conveys the vision of a New Age that is part of what the resurrection is about. An "already/not yet" marks that vision. Already, our hunger for fulfillment of hope is nourished by the vision of God at work in history. But the fulfillment of hope awaits a New Age, yet to come. Already, Christians work and give to feed starving neighbors. But still, children go blind, young brains are deformed, disease runs rampant, life gets brutal, death comes early to millions who are hungry. "Not yet" is the vision. We Christians have work to do.

MINISTRIES IN HIGHER EDUCATION

Dramatic changes in institutions of higher education during the past 25 years have brought both new challenges and new opportunities to the ministry of local churches.

Many local churches now find a generation of "new learners" within the membership of their congregations. This generation of students includes women returning to finish their education, workers seeking technical training, and people changing careers.

Congregations are discovering new ways to minister to the special needs of these new learners in their midst. For example:

- In Jacksonville, Florida, eleven local congregations have joined with two universities to share their resources in mutual ministry with the larger community.
- The Dallas Community College Ministry has developed a program to assist women in surrounding communities who are returning to the classroom as they deal with the changes in their lives—changes often filled with risk and strain.
- Students on the campuses of church-related colleges, like those enrolled in Southwestern at Memphis, spend part of each week in service projects in cooperation with local churches.

Where are the opportunities for ministry between church and college in your community?

J. Rod Fulcher
General Assembly Mission Board
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.

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May 4, 1980 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Sonatina in B flat Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choral Introit This is the Day the Lord Has Made
*HYMN 1 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

*UNISON PRAYER
Lord God, keep before us the excitement of the truth found in Christ, that all our days may be spent in preparing the way of the Lord for the coming of his kingdom and for that life which is both present and eternal. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSONS John 13:31-35
Acts 14:19-28

THE SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION
Invitation
The Vows
* The Statement of Faith
The Sacrament of Baptism
Laying on of Hands
Reception of other New Members
Congregation: Friends, we greet you with joy. We pledge to you our friendship in the Lord, and will give you our support in prayer and service that you may continue to grow with us in the knowledge and love of God and be witnesses of Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

ANTHEM Rejoice and Sing Hobso

HE PASTORAL PRAYER

HE OFFERING

Offertory Anthem Prayer of St. Francis Wright

The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

ERMON Disciples and Apostles Dr. Hamilton

YMN 371 "He Who Would Valiant Be"

ENEDICTION

Choral Response Lord, Dismiss Thy Servants

CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome visiting alumni of Elon College and the Elon College Choir, Mr. James Glenn, Director. Greeters of the Day are Dr. J. Earl Danieley and Mr. Ralph Oxford.

HE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Pendergrass in memory of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William R. Pendergrass, Sr.

ODAY: 7:00 Senior Hi Youth
7:30 Board of Deacons invites the membership to this monthly meeting.

HE CONFIRMATION CLASS is received today into church membership. They are Jonathan A. Blake, Billy W. Blanchard, Michael S. Fogleman, Joanne P. Gerlach, M. Gray Lackey, Frances E. Powell, and Charles L. Wilkins. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence P. Harris and Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Loy are also received as members and the Sacrament of Baptism is administered to Travis Lane Loy.

IRCLES of the Women's Fellowship meet this week as announced in "The Torch", except that Circle 5 meets with Mrs. Moncure.

OSPITALIZED: Mrs. Gloria Law at Memorial.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE

MAY 4, 1980

REVELATION 21:1-5

No more death? But there *is* death! Not only is there death due to accident, disease, and old age. We humans employ death as a deliberate instrument for penal "correction," racial eradication, political strategy, and international policy. Day after day after day, we coldly allow hunger to destroy millions of hapless lives. What validity, then, has the Bible's vision of a Day when "death shall be no more?" How relevant is our hope until, because of it, we Christians stand up and say "No!" to the calculated infliction and cavalier toleration of death?

FARM WORKERS STRUGGLE FOR JUSTICE

Rufino Contreras was 28 years old when he died. His wife, Maximina, remembers him as a big, gentle man who "loved his children so much." His brother, Fortunato, said, "He was better than the rest of us. He got along with everybody . . . and had friends everywhere among the workers." On February 10, 1979 Rufino Contreras was shot and killed as he entered a lettuce field in California's rich Imperial Valley. He was trying to reach the workers in the fields—other poor people from Mexico—to persuade them to join the United Farm Workers' strike.

Through the National Farm Worker Ministry the churches were there with Rufino's family in the days following his death—just as the churches were with Cesar Chavez and the first band of grape strikers in Delano in 1965.

Love leads us down roads we had not planned on traveling. It began with Migrant Ministry programs that placed us in the midst of poverty, side by side with the real people who harvest our food. To know people is to love them, and love led us past charity to a yearning for strength and independence for farm workers and their children. Out of that yearning came picket lines and food drives and boycotts and memorial services. There does not seem to be a simple or tidy way for the poor to gain a little bit of justice.

Farm Worker Week is a time for remembering the men, women, and children who work hard to feed us—and for remembering their long, patient, non-violent struggle for justice.

Chris Hartmire, Director
National Farm Worker Ministry
Los Angeles, California

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et not your hearts be troubled

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May 11, 1980 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Sarabande Debuss

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit
Prayer of Invocation (all unitin
Come to us, God of Grace, and unite our hearts an minds with you and with one another in this time when your people gather to hear your Word. In th name of our Lord, we pray as he taught us . . .
The Lord's Prayer
* Hymn 8 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

THE LIVING WORD
New Testament John 14:23-
Anthem Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise Thim

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Pastor's Prayer for the People

THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome
Children's Sermon
* Hymn 66 "For the Beauty of the Earth" (st. 1-
Sermon <u>To Be or Not to Be ...A Family</u> Dr. Hamilt

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Prelude in E minor, op. 28, no. 4 Chop
(Barry Oxford, Pianist)
* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

GOING OUT TO SERVE
* Hymn 68 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"
* Benediction

A CORDIAL WELCOME to all who share our worship today. We especially greet and welcome our visitors, and ask that you sign the guest register in the narthex. Greeters of the Day are Mr. J. Mark McAdams and Mr. George Noah.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Gilliam by the Family.

A "LEMONADE HOUR", sponsored by Circle 3, will be held on the front lawn following the Service.

SENIOR HI YOUTH meet this evening at 7:00.

A CHRISTIAN MUSICAL, "The Witness", will be presented here Wednesday evening at 7:30 by the Youth Choir of College Park Baptist Church, Winston-Salem. Miss Jane Danieley is their church organist and also works with this singing group.

THE COLLEGE-COMMUNITY BACCALAUREATE will be held here Saturday afternoon at four o'clock. The sermon will be preached by the Rev. Mr. Bill Simmons, Associate Conference Minister of the Southern Conference. You are invited to attend the Baccalaureate and the reception to follow at McEwen Dining Hall.

NEXT SUNDAY we will hold Church School and Church Worship at the usual times, recognizing that many of our people will be attending Commencement Exercises at Alumni Memorial Gymnasium. Our graduating high school seniors will be recognized at our Service of Worship.

REGISTRATION FORMS for summer camp are available in Miss Bennett's office. Counselors are also needed.

OTHER: Articles for "The Torch" are due tomorrow. . . Please provide the office secretary with information concerning college or high school graduations, honors, awards. . . The Thrift Shop will be open Saturday at 10:30 in the Parish House.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE

MAY 11, 1980

JOHN 14:23-29

The Gospel According to John links belief in Jesus with the gift of a peace-filled heart. Have the first and you will get the second. To know Jesus is to find "The Way" to a life that is good, anxiety-free, and happy. God makes *shekinah,* "dwelling place," with you. Filled by God's presence, you abound in strength and love, hope and peace. Like others, you are always being tested by trials. But you are not defeated by tribulation, because you have a power that comes from trust in God. Believe Jesus. Receive the gift of an untroubled heart.

CHRISTIAN FAMILY SUNDAY

The word "family" reverberates with meanings and emotions. To some it evokes warmth and joy and life-sustaining love; to others it brings pain, present or remembered; to most of us, it arouses a mixture of responses, sometimes bitter-sweet. Often it calls up a longed-for ideal: Why can't my family be like theirs? Why doesn't my family act like that?

Family life calls for the most intimate sharing most of us will ever know. We share not only living quarters and meals—we also share life itself within the family. And sharing, if it is open and honest, if it is truly intimate, is never easy. It is easier to pull back, to hide our thoughts and feelings, than to take the risks that intimate sharing demands.

But being a Christian means taking risks all the time. And when we are brave enough to accept the challenge of intimate and loving relationships, our lives can be transformed. However briefly, we live up to an ideal. And when we do, we sense the blessedness of the presence of God.

For our God placed the family relationship at the cornerstone of those ideals that make up our morality, telling us to honor our mothers and our fathers, the persons with whom we first knew the experiences of intimacy. On this Christian Family Sunday let us resolve to live in harmony with this holy ideal.

Nanette M. Roberts
Family Life and Women's Concerns
United Church Board for Homeland Ministries

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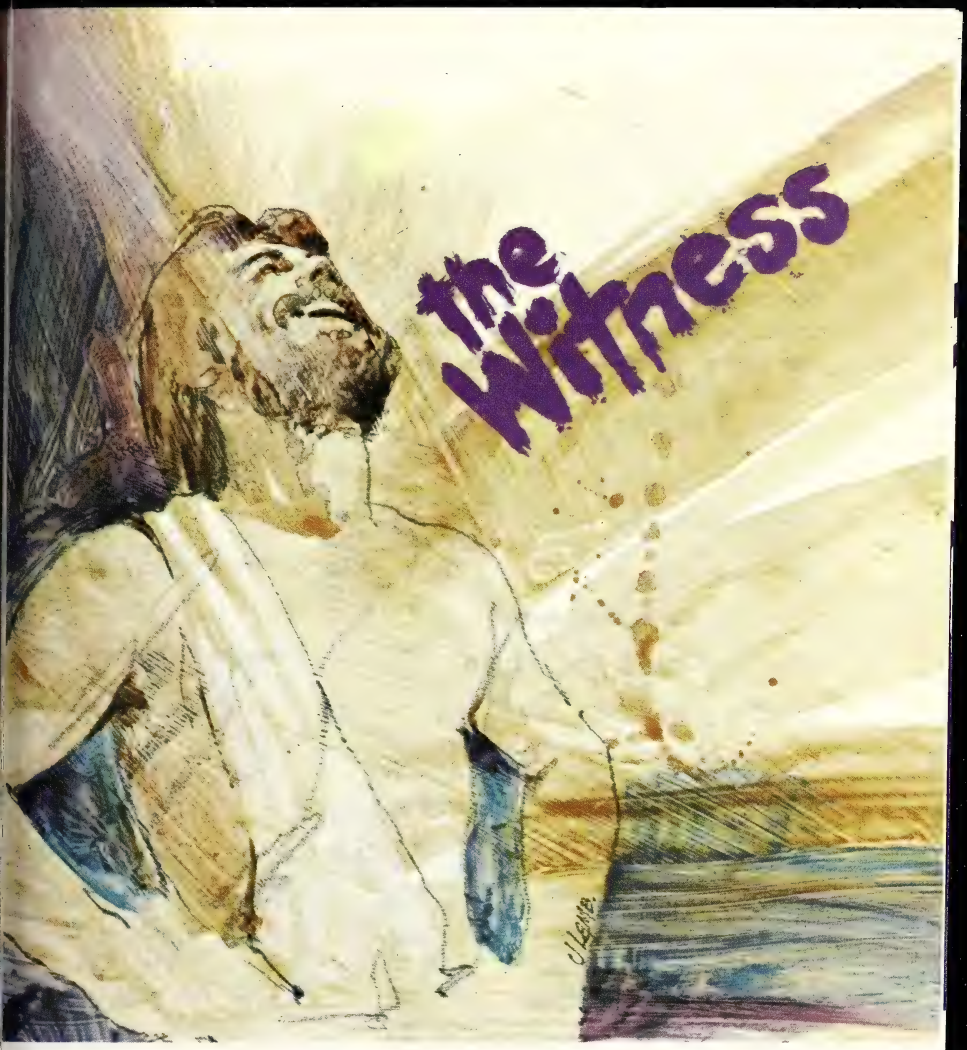

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Wednesday, May 14 *7:30 p.m.*

THE PROGRAM

Through music and narration, The Witness presents the major events in the life of Christ as seen through the eyes of the apostle Peter. Tonight, the part of the apostle Peter is played by Dave Lane

The Witness	
Lullaby	*Anne Fesperman, solois*
Nothing Ever Happens	
When You Find The Truth	*Kim Wright. solois*
Mary's Song	*Anne Fesperman, solois*
Born Again	
Life Giver-You Are The Christ	
My Boys	*Katherine Kiger, solois*
Make Me Like You	*Mark Harris, solois*
Hosanna	
In Love For Me	
Silver and Gold	*Steve Sellers, solois*
Cricifixion Dirge	*Anne Fesperman, solois*
He Came In Love	
They Took Him Down	
The Victor	
I Love You Lord	
Lambs Alone	
The Room Upstairs-Get Ready	
Reprise	

WITNESS PERSONNEL

Dave Lane
Conductor

Tammy Hoyle
Rehearsal Pianist

Jay Dorn
Sound

Jane Danieley
Chuck McBride
Lighting

THE CHOIR

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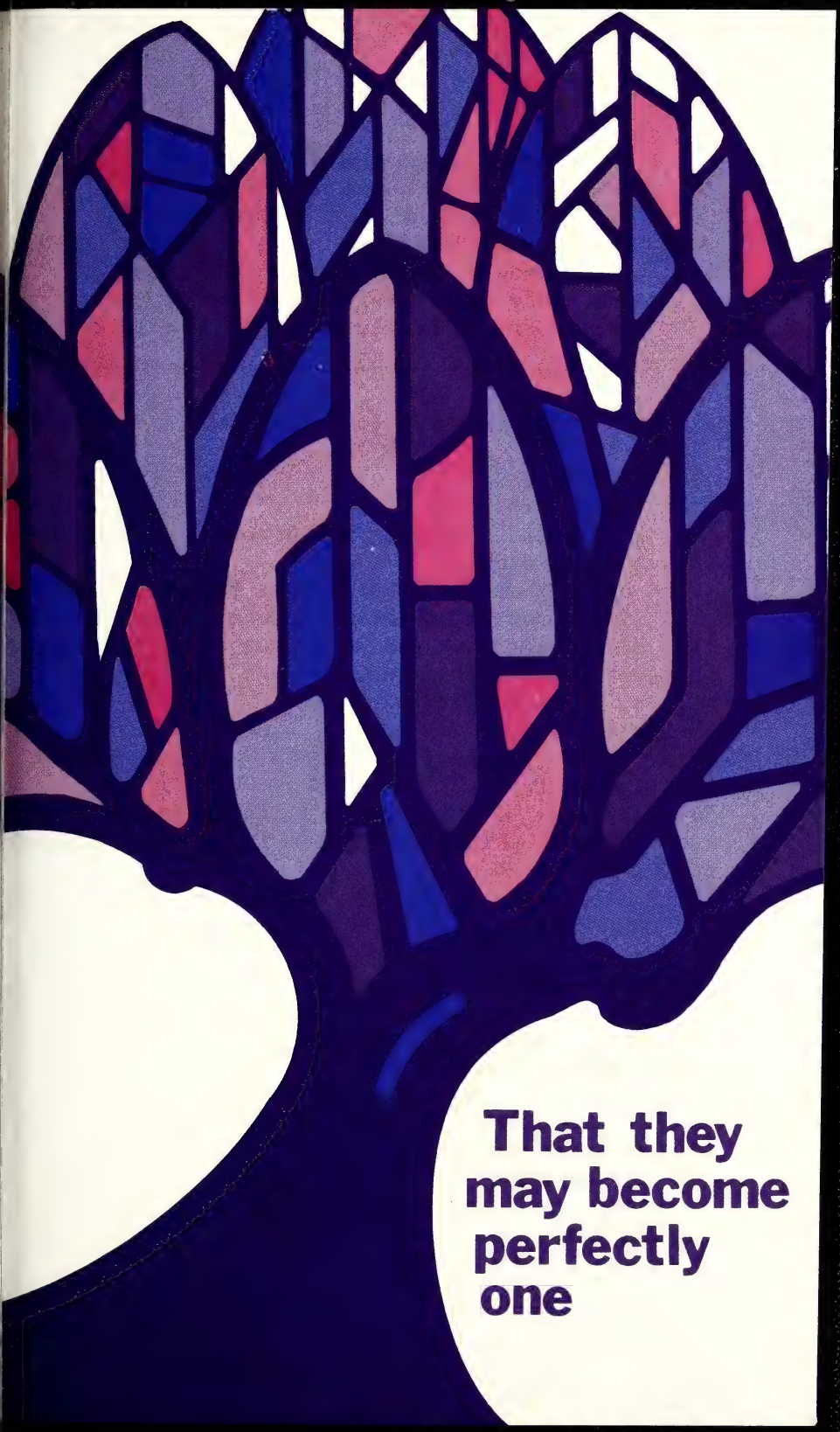

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May 18, 1980 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Intermezzo in E Flat Major Brahms

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit Morning Has Broken Youth Choir
Prayer of Invocation
God our Father, help us to take our lead from you. to find strength in these moments of worship, to be to each other what you have been to us: dependable, encouraging, sustaining. In our Lord's name we pray, as he taught us . . .
The Lord's Prayer
* Hymn 7 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

THE LIVING WORD
New Testament Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:16-23
Solo What Will the World Be Like Tomorrow? McGlohan

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Pastor's Prayer for the People

THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome
Children's Sermon
* Hymn 317 "I Love to Tell the Story"
Sermon Ascension Affirmations Dr. Hamilton

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Thou Wilt Keep Him . . . Thiman
(Mary Anne Johnston, Soprano)
* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

GOING OUT TO SERVE
* Hymn 202 "Jesus Shall Reign" (st. 1-3)
* Benediction

A CORDIAL WELCOME to all who share our worship today. We especially greet and welcome our visitors, requesting that you sign the guest register in the narthex. Greeters of the Day are Dr. Philip Mann and Mr. T. L. Smith

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Rev. and Mrs. H. R. Clem and Mr. and Mrs. G. W. McConkey by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth S. Clem.

TODAY:

7:00	Senior High Youth
7:00	Board of Trustees
7:00	Music Committee
8:00	Christian Education Committee

GRADUATION EXERCISES are held this morning at Alumni Memorial Gymnasium of Elon College.

WE ARE PLEASED to recognize six of our members being graduated from high school. They are: Jim Byers, Scott Dill, Barbie Elzey, Michele Long, Sharon Rinker, and Edrianna Updyke.

THE FUN CLUB meets Tuesday morning at 10:00. They will be visiting the Daniel Boone Antique Village.

REGISTRATION FORMS for summer camp are available in Miss Bennett's office.

THE CONGREGATION UNITES in an expression of Christian Sympathy to Dr. H. D. Lambeth, Jr. and Family upon the death of Jennifer Elizabeth Lambeth on May 15.

PLEASE PROVIDE the office secretary with information concerning college or high school graduations, honors and awards.

HOSPITALIZED: Dr. J. Earl Danieley at Memorial, Chapel Hill.

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE

MAY 18, 1980

JOHN 17:20-26

The Fourth Gospel portrays Jesus, just before his arrest. He prays, not for himself or for his little band of followers, but for the church of the future—for us. Jesus prays that we may become perfectly one. Our unity with each other is to be like the unity Jesus has with God—a oneness of purpose. That purpose is the mission for which God calls the church into the world. It is to speak and to serve others in a manner so like Christ's that "the world may believe" the love God has for this world—a love God shows by coming to the world in Jesus.

WORLD EVANGELISM

In a world marked by a growing concentration of power, growing injustice, an increasing use of violence, a world in which the sheer survival of humanity and its biosphere is insecure, it has become increasingly difficult to express a message of hope with integrity.

In recognition of this situation, the phrase "Thy kingdom come," as taken from the Lord's Prayer, became the theme for the 1980 conference in Melbourne, Australia, sponsored by the Commission of the World Council of Churches on *World Mission and Evangelism.*

The Central Committee of the World Council of Churches meeting in Jamaica last January said, "We believe that mission is possible only out of the attitude of prayer, the attitude by which the whole Christian community humbles itself, confessing that only God can give it the necessary strength and courage to pursue mission."

Participants at the conference, being held May 12-May 25, will produce a message calling the churches to renew their commitment to the announcement of the Kingdom of God, to set about their evangelistic tasks, and to discover new relationships in mission.

Bruno Kroker
Mission Interpretation Department
United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

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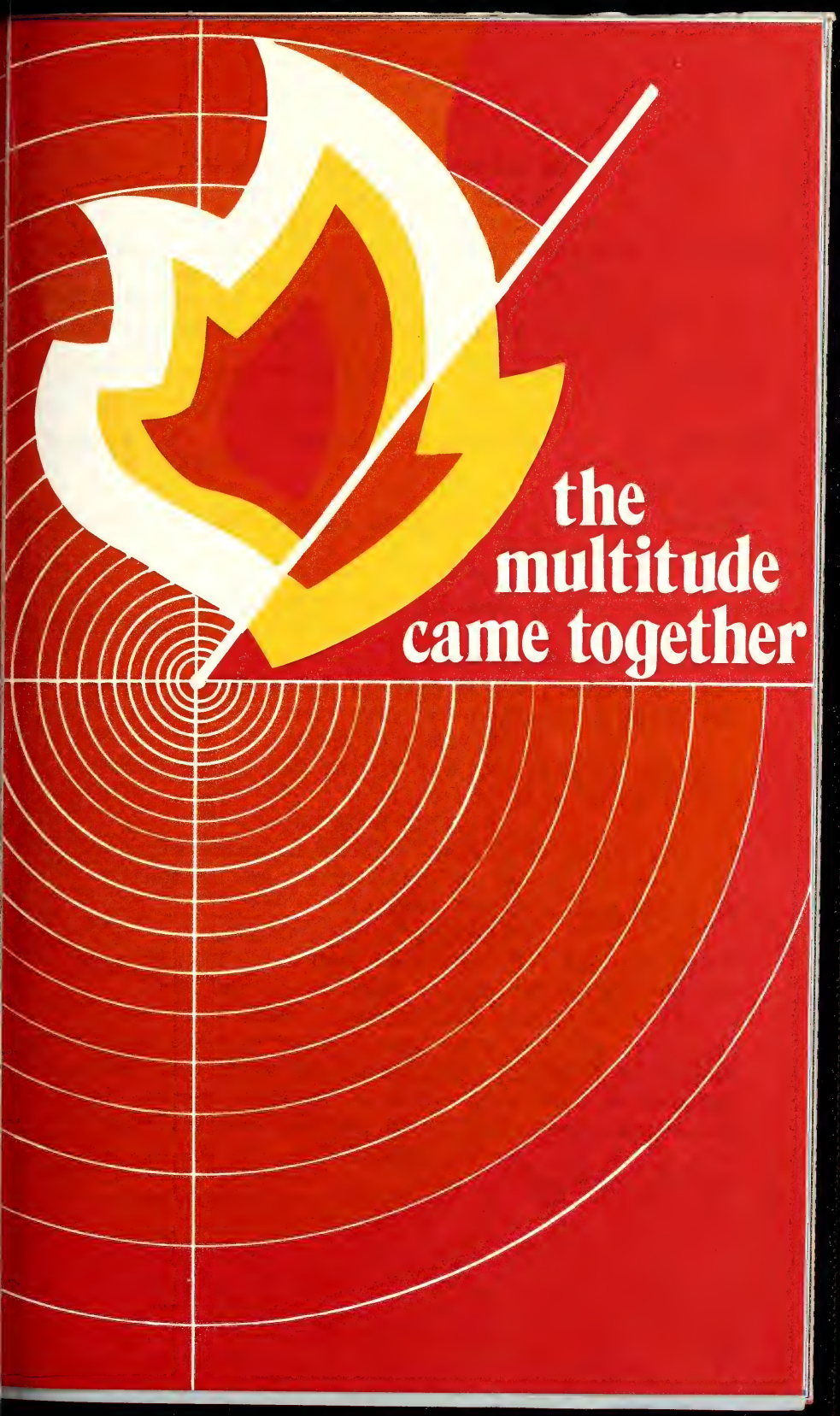
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May 25, 1980 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Prelude in C Major J. S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choral Introit If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee
PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN 247 "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

*THE LITANY FOR PENTECOST
God our Father, whose gift is Jesus Christ to be the chief cornerstone of your Church:
HAVE MERCY UPON US.
O Spirit of Holiness and Truth, the sanctifier and guide of your Church:
HAVE MERCY UPON US.
For our unity in Christ, which, in spite of many differences, draws us together in one community of faith and love and service:
THANKS BE TO YOU, O GOD.
O Eternal God, who has sent your Holy Spirit upon the Church on the day of Pentecost, and has promised that this Spirit shall abide with us forever: let this same Spirit lead us into all truth, defend us from all sin, enrich us with your gifts, refresh us with your comfort, rule our hearts in all things, and lead us in the way everlasting.
AMEN.

* The Gloria Patri

ANTHEM Come, Jesus, Holy Son of God Handel

THE SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastoral Prayer for the People
THE OFFERING
Offertory Solo Let the Bright Seraphim Handel
(Denise Joines, Soprano)
* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication
*HYMN 234 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

SCRIPTURE READINGS Isaiah 65:17-25
Acts 2:1-12
SERMON Second Chance Dr. Hamilton

*HYMN 232 "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

*BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

A CORDIAL WELCOME to all who share our worship today. We especially greet and welcome our visitors, requesting that you sign the guest register in the narthex. Greeters of the Day are Dr. A. L. Hook and Mrs. Reggie McLelland.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Mr. Walter L. Smith by Mrs. Goldie Smith, Mrs. Linda Sonovick, and Mrs. Robin Holt.

THE SENIOR HI YOUTH invite you to participate with them in a game of softball this evening at 6:00 at College Field. The youth and counselors will leave Saturday morning for a weekend retreat at Presbyterian Point.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Magnolia Memorial Association will be held June 1 at four o'clock at Elon First Baptist Church.

OTHER: Dr. J. Earl Danieley is hospitalized at Memorial, Chapel Hill. Articles for the "Torch" are due tomorrow.

PENTECOST

MAY 25, 1980

ACTS 2:1-13

Until Pentecost, the little band of disciples had been hiding out. Now, God broke into their history to make it God's history. Before, they were timid. Now, they openly heralded God's acts in Jesus. The gospel went public. Before, there was despair. Now, there was ecstasy: noise like wind, a glow as of flames, invigoration by the Spirit. At Babel, humans had sought to become gods. That shattered humankind. At Pentecost, God freely gave power to the disciples. Babel was reversed. "The multitude came together" in unity, with strength, for mission.

THE SPIRIT AND THE POWER

The church was born and empowered by the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost. The same Spirit that spoke through David and Isaiah now touched and filled the lives of the disciples. The Holy Spirit became their source of guidance. The leaders of the church were men of the Spirit. The courage and power they needed for daily living came from the Holy Spirit. The more they learned, witnessed, and trusted, the deeper and more meaningful their lives became.

God provides the same power for us and the church today. When we are willing to listen, to be open, to be channels of God's love, then God fills us with power, our lives with meaning, and our churches with vitality. Our difficulty is that we are often more interested in process than in power, in correctness than in openness, in being recipients rather than being channels, and in tradition and order rather than in newness and life. In a world of persons searching for caring, healing, and fulfillment the church often offers exclusion, apathy, and boredom.

To be in and of the Spirit is frightening, but there is no other way to be a part of the redemptive purposes and creative will of God and to know where God leads. God is alive. The Spirit is at work. We are either filled by it or we proceed empty without it!

Richard Roland
First Christian Church
Noblesville, Indiana

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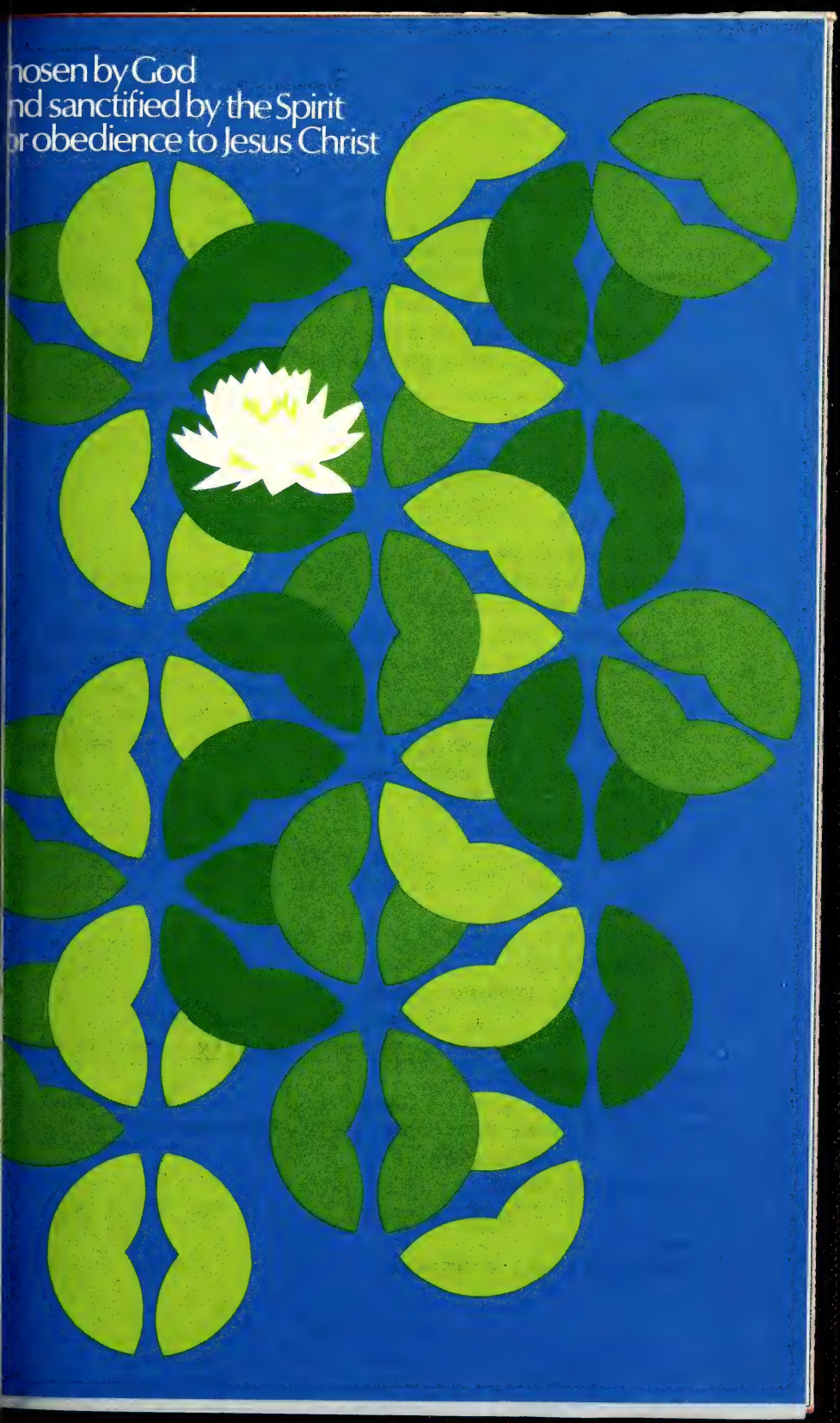

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Elon College, North Carolina

Thomas R. Hamilton, Pastor Phone: 584-039

Alfred W. Hurst, Pastor Emeritus
Mrs. Mary Alice Bragg, Director of Music
Keith Fogleman and Alan Young, Acolytes

June 1, 1980 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Bourree in G Major Bach

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee
Prayer of Invocation (all uniting

Almighty God, you have taught us how to speak to you and what to ask when we come into your holy presence. So now aid and direct us in our worship. Lift our eyes, our hearts, and our minds that we might give our praise and receive your benediction. Amen.

* Hymn 251 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

THE LIVING WORD
New Testament John 16:12-15; Revelation 4:1-1
Anthem Come, Christians, Join to Sing Mueller

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Pastor's Prayer for the People

THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome and Announcements
* Hymn 238 "Come, Gracious Spirit"
Sermon Identity Through Trinity Dr. Hamilto

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Andante Schuber
* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own
* Prayer of Dedication

GOING OUT TO SERVE
* Hymn 63 "Lord, Dismiss Us With The Blessing" (st.1,2)
* Benediction
* Congregational Response The Doxology

A CORDIAL WELCOME to all who share our worship today. We especially greet and welcome our visitors, and ask that you sign the guest register in the narthex. Greeters of the Day are Mr. Ken Harper and Mr. W. E. Price, Jr.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in honor of Mr. and Mrs. D. York Brannock, Sr. by Madge and Edith Brannock.

TODAY:

4:00	Magnolia Memorial Association
7:00	Women's Fellowship Executive Board
7:30	Board of Deacons

TWENTY-EIGHT of our youth and counselors are attending a retreat this weekend at Presbyterian Point on Kerr Lake. They return this evening.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Magnolia Memorial Association will be held this afternoon at Elon First Baptist Church. The meeting will include worship, Reading of Memoirs, election of officers and other business items.

THE SOUTHERN CONFERENCE holds its annual meeting here on Friday and Saturday. Our delegate is Mr. Ken Ken Harper with Mr. Louis Wilkins as alternate.

THE WOMAN'S FELLOWSHIP General Meeting will be Monday evening, June 9, at 6:30. A covered dish Mother-Daughter Banquet will be enjoyed in the Parish House as we honor the mothers and daughters of the congregation.

REGISTRATION FORMS for summer church camp are available in the church office.

HOSPITALIZED: Mrs. Barbara Barnes at Duke.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 1, 1980

1 PETER 1:1-9

Vulnerable were Christians in Asia Minor. Their faith exposed them to harassment, prison, and death. Peter wrote to nerve them: "You are a people whom God has chosen and prepared by the Spirit to do Christ's work." Vulnerable are Christians in this nuclear age. Hunger and bankruptcy stalk the planet. Madness and unworkability overtake our institutions. We live beside a volcano ready to erupt in apocalypse. Our life-setting is changed, but our identity remains the same. We are a people called by God, nerved by the Spirit, and sent on Christ's mission into our troubled world to act for justice, sanity, and peace.

THE FOOD CRISIS CONTINUES

When the executive director of the World Food Council, Maurice J. Williams, surveyed the global food situation a year ago, he noted that while on the surface the food situation appeared to have improved, nevertheless, food production in most developing countries was down. The diet of the poor had deteriorated and there was a growing dependence on imported food.

"We must face the reality," Williams said, "that the world hunger problem is getting worse rather than better, and a major crisis lies ahead unless a concerted effort is made to forestall it."

More recently, the World Food Council, a United Nations agency that monitors food and development programs, has advised that "as many as a billion people—one quarter of the world's population—will die or incur severe health damage in the next year because of malnutrition."

The continuing food crisis in underdeveloped countries has alerted us all to what may lie ahead if our world fails to solve the problem of sufficient food for all, equitably distributed. We must press on!

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MAGNOLIA MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

MEMORIAL SERVICE

June 1, 1980

4:00 P.M.

First Baptist Church

Elon College, North Carolina

For all the saints
  who from their labors rest,
Who thee by faith
  before the world confessed;
Thy name, O Jesus,
  be forever blest,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Organ Prelude

Hymn #165 "Amazing Grace

Memoirs Rev. Bruce O. Marti

New Testament Reading I Corinthians 1

Meditation Rev. Thomas R. Hamilto

Remembrance:

"The Great Arms"

Hymn #76 "My Jesus I Love Thee

Benediction

Pat Marion, Organist

BUSINESS SESSION

Election of Officers
Other

OFFICERS NOMINATED FOR 1980-81

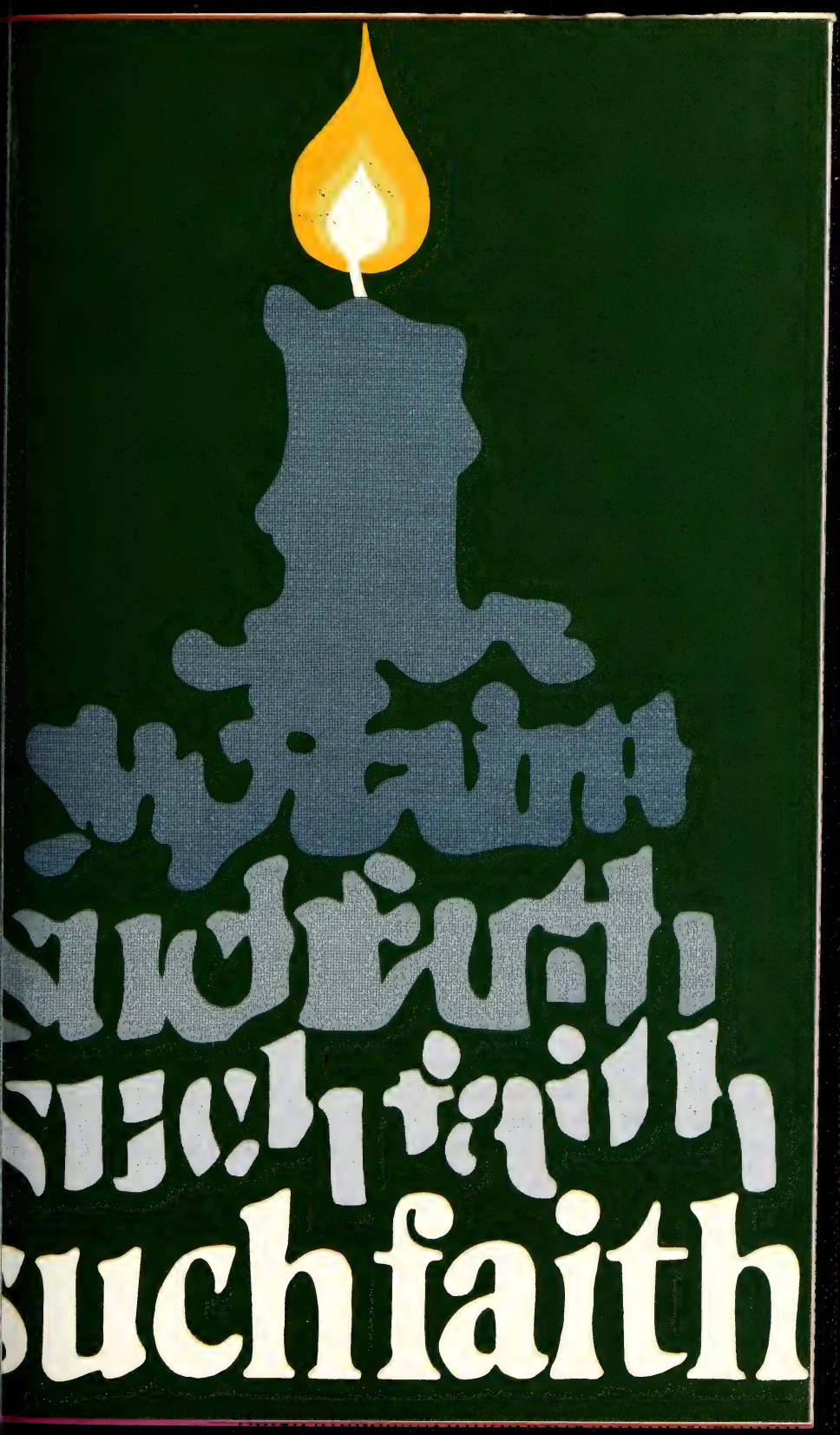
President	E. S. Lankford
Vice President	Miss Nannie D. Reitzel
Secretary	Mrs. Reggie McLelland
Treasurer	Mr. W. E. Lowe, Jr.

IN MEMORY OF:

George H. King	May 22, 1979
Mrs. Helen Cannon	July 2, 1979
John W. Barney, Jr.	October 19, 1979
Lewis R. Drumm	December 24, 1979
W. M. Thigpen	February 3, 1980
L. E. Fogleman, Jr.	February 12, 1980
Mrs. Virginia Newman	February 12, 1980
Berkly B. Snead	February 17, 1980
Sarah May Thompson	April 28, 1980
Mrs. Mattie Spoon Amick	May 16, 1980
Jennifer Elizabeth Lambeth	May 17, 1980
Virginia Neighbors Lambeth	May 17, 1980

MAGNOLIA MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION
Treasurer's Report
May 31, 1979 - May 31, 1980

Balance May 31, 1979		
Checking Account	1913.71	
Passbook Savings	4896.23	
		6896.
Receipts		
Dues	469.00	
Dividends (not included in Checking Account)	269.03	738.0
Disbursements		
Postage	15.00	
Alamance Secretarial Service	9.88	
Programs	15.00	
Weedeater ($\frac{1}{2}$ cost to town of Elon College)	112.50	
Donation on Memorial Marker for Mr. Lopez	25.00	177
Balance May 31, 1980		
Checking Account	2205.33	
Passbook Savings	5165.26	
		7370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Lummy Powell and Joanne Gerlach, Acolytes

June 8, 1980 11:00 a.

PRAISE TO GOD

* Hymn 260 "The Church's One Foundation"

Call to Worship

Choral Introit Now Let Every Tongue Adore Thee Bac

Prayer of Invocation (all uniting

God our Father, we have learned to call you Father because we have seen in Jesus, your Son, what it means to be your children. Help us to come in childlike trust to learn also the depth, breadth, and height of your fatherly love. Amen.

THE LIVING WORD

New Testament Luke 7:1-1

Anthem O How Amiable Vaughn-William

* The Statement of Faith (all uniting

THE WORD OF PRAYER

Choir Let My Prayer Come Up Into Thy Presenc

The Pastor's Prayer for the People

THE SPOKEN WORD

Welcome and Announcements

* Hymn 223 "O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Sermon He Marveled Dr. Hamilto

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING

Offertory Berceuse M. Dupr

* Congregational Response The Doxolog

* Prayer of Dedication

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn 372 "How Firm A Foundation"

* Benediction

* Choral Response Holy, Holy, Holy Persichetti

Postlude Nun Danket alle Gott Karg-Elert

A CORDIAL WELCOME to all who share our worship today. We especially greet and welcome our visitors, and ask that you sign the guest register in the narthex. Greeters of the Day are Mr. E. W. Brafford and Mr. Kenneth Clem.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Mrs. Grace M. Danieley by Dr. and Mrs. J. Earl Danieley.

TODAY: 2:30 Deacons and Outreach Committee meet for visitations
6:00 Church Softball at College Field

THE NEW CASAVANT PIPE ORGAN is used for the first time in this Service of Worship.

THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP General Meeting will be tomorrow evening at 6:30. A covered dish Mother-Daughter Banquet will be enjoyed in the Parish House as we honor the mothers and daughters of the congregation.

AN EXPLORATION CLASS for new members begins next Sunday at 9:45 in the Gregory Library.

THANKS to all who assisted in hosting the Annual Meeting of the Southern Conference over this past weekend.

HOSPITALIZED : Mrs. Barbara Barnes at Duke.

ARTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 8, 1980

LUKE 7:1-10

Look at this man whom Jesus praises. He was *compassionate.* The times took slavery for granted. But this man could not take for granted the grave sickness of a servant. Citizen of Rome, his spirit was *catholic.* So, while no convert to Judaism, yet he admired its monotheism and high ethic. A *generous* person, he had built a synagogue at Capernaum. He bore authority in a *modest* way, throwing neither weight nor demands at Jesus. *Confident* of Jesus' power, he sent a message, "All you need to do is say the word and my servant will be well." Such faith! Did its bearer sense that higher Realm whose power Jesus exercised?

THE CHURCH AND CAMPING

Jim sat outside the door of his cabin. After a hard day of camp activities, a story had quickly put his five campers to sleep. It had been a good day. The morning Bible study that Fran, his co-counselor, had led on the healing of the broken relationship between Jacob and Esau had opened up discussion by the group members on how sad they were when they experienced broken relationships with friends and family members, and how happy they were when those broken relationships were healed.

The campers had been especially observant on the hike. Swimming had been great fun. The whole group had worked so hard at encouraging Brad to try the pool. Best of all, Sally and Ann had worked all day to draw Monica into the group. It wasn't important to them that Monica had brought all of her clothes to camp in a paper bag. What was important was that Monica felt a part of the group. Tears had come to Jim's eyes when, during closing worship around the campfire, Monica thanked God for her new friends at camp. It had been a good day. The gospel had not just been talked about. It had been lived.

Tom G. Malone
Camp Director/Presbytery Educator
Bethel Presbytery, PCUS
Rock Hill, South Carolina

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He had
compassion
on her

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Beth Barbee and Stacy Dean, Acolytes

June 15, 1980 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Ich Ruf' zu Dir, Herr Jesu Bac

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Th
Prayer of Invocation (all uniting

God our Father, in the presence of your Word
revealed in Jesus Christ,
written in Scripture,
praised in hymns,
proclaimed in preaching,
expressed in prayer
we come to renew our faith in worship on this
holy day. By your Spirit's working within and
among us, may your will become our wills. Amen.

* Hymn 7 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

THE LIVING WORD
New Testament Galatians 1:11-1
Anthem Begin, My Tongue, Some Heavenly Theme You

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Pastor's Prayer for the People

THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome and Announcements

* Hymn 82 "High in the Heavens, Eternal God"
Sermon <u>On What Shall We Insist?</u> Dr. Hamilto

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Solo Sing With Grace in Your Heart
(Peggy Lackey, Soprano)

* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Ow

* Prayer of Dedication

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn 366 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

Benediction

Choral Response Glory to God in the Highest

Postlude Allegro Maestoso Young

* indicates when the congregation will stand

A CORDIAL WELCOME to all who share our worship today. We especially greet and welcome our visitors, and ask that you sign the guest register in the narthex. Greeters of the Day are Mrs. Gladys Hughes and Dr. George Troxler.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Dr. and Mrs. S. W. Caddell by the Family.

TODAY: 6:00 Church Family Softball at College Field
7:00 Christian Education Committee

THE ANNUAL SUMMER CONFERENCE of the Church Women will be held June 16-18 at Catawba College. Their theme is "Marks of the Faithful Church". The Tuesday evening program will be presented by Dr. and Mrs. Emmett Floyd and Dr. and Mrs. Hamilton.

THE FUN CLUB meets Tuesday morning at 10:00 for a program to be presented by a representative of Beltone in Burlington.

AN EXPLORATION CLASS for new members meets next Sunday at 9:45 in the Gregory Library.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING to act on the grant-mortgage renewal recommendation will be held June 29 following the Service of Worship.

REGISTRATION FORMS for summer church camp are available in the church office.

OTHER: Mrs. Barbara Barnes is a patient at Duke. . . The Thrift Shop will be open Saturday morning at 10:30.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 15, 1980

LUKE 7:11-17

Luke's story about the Nainite widow highlights the plight of women in first century Israel, particularly widows. A widow could receive no inheritance. She looked for support solely from her sons or relatives of her dead husband. From no one could she legally demand support. When a widow's son died, as in the case of this woman, she was left in desperate social and financial condition. No wonder Jesus had compassion on the widow of Nain. Today, for us to look honestly at the legal position of women in the United States and work compassionately for their equal status under law could be Christ-like action in our time.

NOW IT'S THEIRS

The COPIGAC cooperative feed-mill project in the little Central American country of El Salvador is operating profitably. Demand for its prime product, high-quality cattle feed, continues to grow. The cooperative is now adding veterinary supplies to the current line of agricultural products that it supplies to local farmers.

COPIGAC was established by Technoserve, a religious, non-denominational, U.S.-based development corporation. Now, with the close cooperation of the Salvadorean Ministry of Planning, the Technoserve Advisory Committee in El Salvador is preparing to hand over the feed-mill projects to local management. This is the Technoserve pattern: First, utilize initiative and expertise from the U.S. to start projects in Latin America, Africa, and elsewhere around the world where economic development is needed; and then, as quickly as possible, turn the projects over to local management, with Technoserve/USA standing by in a consultative capacity for as long as needed.

Technoserve is one way in which your giving is stretched to do more than would otherwise be possible. It is one way in which the United Church of Christ Board for World Ministries and other agencies work in economic development today.

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THE LORD SENT
NATHAN TO DAVID

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Mrs. Mary Alice Bragg, Director of Music

June 22, 1980 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Prelude and Fugue in G Major Bach

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choir My Song Forever Shall Record Praetorius
Prayer of Invocation (all uniting)
God be with us.
God be with us now as we worship.
God be with us in our prayers and hymns
and meditations and gifts.
God be with us in our homes,
in our congregational fellowship,
in our community relations.
God be with us now and always. Amen.

* Hymn 352 "Lift Up Your Hearts"

THE LIVING WORD
Old Testament II Samuel 12:1-9,13
New Testament Luke 7:37-50
Anthem In All Things I Sought Rest Pasquet

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Pastor's Prayer for the People

THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome and Announcements

* Hymn 464 "Praise to God, Immortal Praise"

Sermon <u>A "Dallas" Scenario</u> Dr. Hamilton

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Solo Psalm XXIII Paul Creston
(Mary Anne Johnston, Soprano)

* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own

* Prayer of Dedication

)ING OUT TO SERVE
Hymn 101 "There's A Wideness in God's Mercy"
Benediction
Congregational Response The Doxology
Postlude Carillon Young

CORDIAL WELCOME to all who share our worship today. We especially greet and welcome our visitors, and ask that you sign the guest register in the narthex. Greeters of the Day are Mrs. Della Scott and Mr. E. W. Vickers.

HE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Mr. George D. Colclough by the Family.

ODAY: 6:00 Church Family Softball at College Field.

WO OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, Chris Vickers and Alan Young, leave Wednesday to attend the National Youth Event of the UCC to be held at Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota. Ms. Jill Bennett also serves as an Adult Leader for the Event.

N EXPLORATION CLASS for new members meets next Sunday at 9:45 in the Gregory Library.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING to act on the grant-mortgage renewal recommendation will be held June 29 following the Service of Worship.

REGISTRATION FORMS for summer church camp are available in the church office.

DAILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDES for July-August are available in the narthex.

HOSPITALIZED: Mrs. Barbara Barnes at Duke.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 22, 1980

2 SAMUEL 12:1-7

A lustful king had taken in adultery the wife of his trusting friend. She sent word to the king that he had made her pregnant. He tried to shift responsibility to her husband. But his plot failed. So he killed her husband and took the woman for himself. God sent a prophet to stand before the king and judge his sin: "You are the man!" With rare integrity the king acknowledged: "I have sinned against the Lord." People often use power to serve themselves and violate others. What is rare, and what changes the world's life, is for people who have abused power to acknowledge their abuse and turn power to more responsible use.

VISION FOR TOMORROW, ACTION FOR TODAY

"Vision for Tomorrow, Action For Today," is the theme of the 1980 National Youth Event (NYE), sponsored by the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries of the United Church of Christ. On June 25th, the 23rd birthday of the United Church, over 1400 high-school youth and their advisors will gather at Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota, to seek ways to "understand, celebrate, and commit" themselves to the Christian community of faith through the United Church of Christ.

The NYE emerged from a groundswell of opinion in local churches, associations, and conferences that now is the time to focus on high-school youth in the United Church. The event affirms that youth are an integral, vital part of the church, and that their needs and contributions remain unique. Youth are an important part of the church today and will emerge as the leaders of the church of the 1980's and beyond.

All 39 U.C.C. conferences will send groups of young people and adults, who will bring the visions and resources with which they have worked and the actions which have emerged from their dreams and programs. This will provide an opportunity for all to share, that youth may be empowered to be youth, people of God, in a church which strives to be the body of Christ—a healing, reconciling, and celebrating force in the world.

Michael J. Small
Youth Ministry Associate
United Church Board for Homeland Ministries
New York, New York

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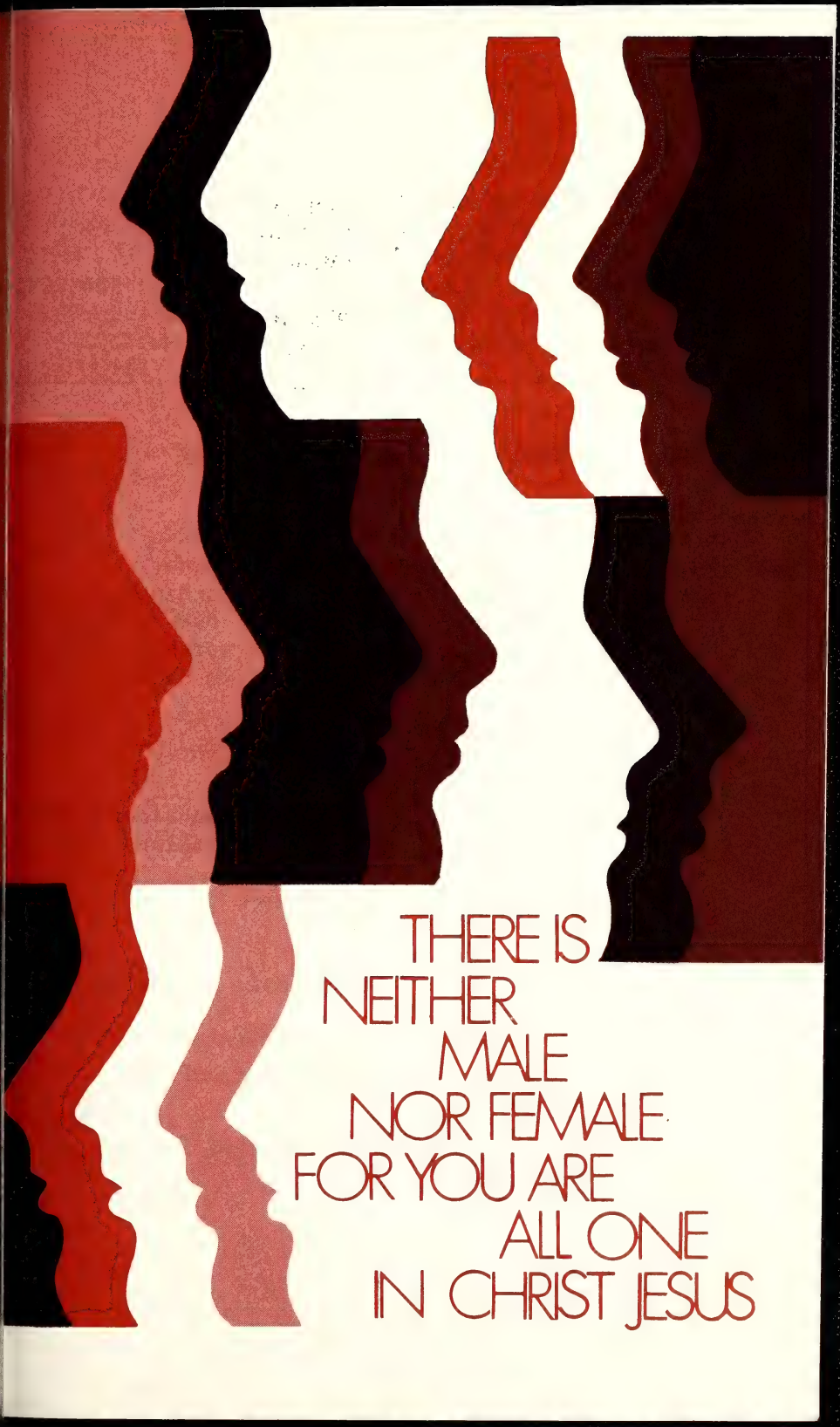
THERE IS
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NOR FEMALE
FOR YOU ARE
ALL ONE
IN CHRIST JESUS

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June 29, 1980 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Prelude and Fugue in F Major Bach

PRAISE TO GOD
Choir: The Summer Days Are Come Again
Pastor: . . . And they began to rejoice.
People: Let us celebrate also this morning:
celebrate a Father always awaiting our return;
celebrate the healing there is in worship;
celebrate the Word who enables us to hear
God's promises.
Prayer of Invocation
* Hymn 446 "God the Omnipotent"

THE LIVING WORD
New Testament Ephesians 2:4-10
II Corinthians 5:16-20

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Pastor's Prayer for the People

THE SPOKEN WORD
Anthems America
Battle Hymn of the Republic
Welcome and Announcements
* Hymn 375 "Lead On, O King Eternal"
Sermon Leading By Following 1,2, and 3

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Adagio for Organ Bartok
* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own
* Prayer of Dedication

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn 432	"God of the Nations"	
Benediction		
Congregational Response		The Doxology
Congregational Meeting		
Postlude	Postludium	Young

A CORDIAL WELCOME to all who share our worship today. We especially greet and welcome our visitors, requesting that you sign the guest register in the narthex. Greeters of the Day are Mr. Howard Loy and Mr. T. L. Smith.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Mr. J. C. Blake and Mr. D. D. Cobb by Dr. and Mrs. Robert G. Blake.

TODAY: 6:00 Church Family Softball at College Field.
7:00 Board of Trustees

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING to act on the grant-mortgage renewal application will follow our Service of Worship.

THE SACRAMENT of Holy Communion will be celebrated next Sunday.

HOSPITALIZED: Mrs. Barbara Barnes and Mrs. Aundree Price at Duke; Mrs. A. L. Hook at Lee County, Sanford; Dr. Ferris Reynolds at Ocala, Florida.

OTHERS: Articles for "The Torch" are due tomorrow. . . Devotional Guides for July-August are available in the narthex. . . The church office will be closed Friday. . . The Thrift Shop will be open to the public Saturday morning from 10:30 to 12:00.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 29, 1980

GALATIANS 3:23-29

"In every respect woman is inferior to man." That view was held by a first century historian and shared by the Graeco-Roman world. Today, it operates as an unstated assumption that shapes minds and writes laws. But the view is blasphemous! It denies God's justice in creation. It opposes Christ's mind which, as Paul writes, does not make arbitrary allocations of worth: Jew more than Gentile, Gentile more than Jew, master more than slave, male more than female. Christ intends unity and equality for women and men. So, conscientious Christians will act for those in personal living and work for nothing less in public life.

REFUGEES IN SEARCH OF A HOME

Over the past several years, there has been a steady stream of refugees arriving in Hong Kong from Indochina—from Kampuchea (Cambodia), Laos, Thailand, and Vietnam. They have arrived in all manner of boats and have been escorted by the Marine Police to an old dockyard for initial screening and health checks. From there they have been transferred to one of the temporary camps run by such voluntary agencies as Hong Kong Christian Service, the Hong Kong Catholic Church, the International Rescue Committee, and the Red Cross Association—whose efforts have been and continue to be supported by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). Often, these refugees remain in the temporary camps for a year or more awaiting permanent resettlement.

While the refugee families get a weekly food allowance, they have a freedom of sorts, in that they are encouraged to look for jobs outside the camp. Envy and antagonism exist between Hong Kong's permanent population (many of whom themselves were once refugees) and these new immigrants. What is badly needed is a speedier resettlement of the refugees. What is all too often lacking is a sponsor.

In the United Church of Christ, the Service Division of our United Church Board for World Ministries stands ready to assist congregations interested in sponsoring the resettlement of such families: refugees in search of a home.

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CALLED TO FREEDOM

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July 6, 1980 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Prelude and Fugue in g minor Bac

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choral Introit Rejoice, O Land, in God thy Might
PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN 433 "God of Our Fathers"

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 42:1-

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 5:1-1

ANTHEM SOLO Rejoice in the Lord R. Lan
(Denise Joines, Soprano)

MEDITATION Pursuit of Happiness Dr. Hamilto

THE DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory Solo On This Day L. McGloha
(Denise Joines, Soprano)
* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Ow
* Prayer of Dedication
THE SERVICE OF COMMUNION
The Invitation of Christ
Communion Collect
General Confession (all uniting) Hymnal, p. 49
Assurance of Pardon
Words of Institution
Distribution of the Elements
* Thanksgiving

*HYMN 273 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

*BENEDICTION

Choral Response The Doxology

*POSTLUDE Variations on "America" C. Ives

A CORDIAL WELCOME to all who share our worship today. We especially greet and welcome our visitors, and ask that you sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Greeters of the Day are Dr. J. Earl Danieley and Mr. J. Mark McAdams.

THE HOLY COMMUNION is served today to all confirmed members of Christ's Church. We celebrate "open communion", inviting all professing Christians to join us in this Sacrament of Faith.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. J. Wesley Alexander in memory of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Alexander.

TODAY: 2:00 Memorial Service
7:30 Board of Deacons

THE CONGREGATION UNITES in expressing Christian Sympathy to the Family upon the death of Dr. Ferris E. Reynolds on July 1. A Service of Praise and Thanksgiving in memory of Dr. Reynolds will be held at two o'clock today.

ELON MEN meet Tuesday evening at 6:30 for a dinner meeting at McMillan's Mall Restaurant. Program will be provided by Chris Vickers and Alan Young. Cars will leave our parking lot at 6:15. Reservations are not necessary but would be helpful.

HOSPITALIZED: Mrs. Barbara Barnes and Mrs. Aundree Price at Duke; Mrs. Oma Johnson at Fuquay-Varina; Mrs. A. L. Hook at Lee County, Sanford.

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 6, 1980

GALATIANS 5:1, 13-18

Religious liberty does not free a Christian to be irreligious; political liberty does not license us to do what we please; economic freedom does not sanction greed that acts in defiance of public good. Christianity safeguards liberty. Love empowers creative uses of freedom; it avoids harmful uses. Christ's Spirit keeps our wish to be free from being a mask for lust to exploit others or indulge ourselves. Life in the church disciplines our wills for responsible action in the world. The law of the harvest signals God's moral order, within which we are freed to act. To this kind of freedom Christ calls us today.

CHRISTIAN ACTION IN IOWA

Response to a local need—the plight of a migrant family—resulted in Zion United Church of Christ and Messiah Lutheran Church, both of Burlington, Iowa, joining forces to initiate and support Christian Action, Inc., a non-profit, non-sectarian corporation which now offers help to all low-income families in their efforts to obtain decent housing.

Christian Action, Inc., believes that all persons are entitled to decent housing and that helping to provide such housing can also alleviate problems of health, safety, education, crime, and hopelessness. The organization buys or leases houses appropriate to a family's needs and then rents the property to the family at a price it can afford. When requested, Christian Action board members offer free legal and financial counsel to participating families. The ultimate aim is to help the family to purchase the property. Since Christian Action, Inc., was begun in 1968, more than fifty families have been helped. Some of them, including the initial migrant family, have been able to "go it alone" and now own their own homes.

Zion U.C.C. has funded the program on a monthly basis over a ten-year period as part of its program of mission and service.

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AS A MOTHER
COMFORTS,
SO
I WILL
COMFORT
YOU

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
United Church of Christ
Elon College, North Carolina

Thomas R. Hamilton, Pastor Phone: 584-0391
Miss Nancy Thomas, Guest Organist

July 13, 1980 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Chorale Prelude on "Light Divine" H. Willan

PRAISE TO GOD

Pastor: Let us worship God. He made the day to follow the night.

People: Praise God for the day and for the night.

Pastor: On the seventh day God rested.

People: Praise God for rest, and for work, and for this day on which we thank him for all our days.

Prayer of Invocation

* Hymn 246 "Come, Thou Almighty King"

THE LIVING WORD OF SCRIPTURE

Psalter Reading 106, Psalm 139 p. 537

New Testament Reading Luke 10:1-9

THE WORD OF PRAYER

Hymn 418 "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"

The Silent Prayers of the People

The Pastor's Prayer for the People

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING

Offertory Wondrous Love D. Johnson

* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own

* Prayer of Dedication

THE SPOKEN WORD OF INTERPRETATION

Welcome

Anthem Solo The Greatest of These is Love
(Mary Anne Johnston, Soprano)

Sermon <u>Appointed People</u> Dr. Hamilton

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn 383 "Forward Through the Ages"

Benediction

Congregational Response The Doxology

POSTLUDE Chorale Prelude on "Lobe den Herren" Reger

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting that you sign the guest register in the narthex. Greeters of the Day are Mr. George Noah and Mr. Ralph Oxford.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Waverly Hughes.

TODAY: 6:00 Church Family Softball at College Field

WE ARE PLEASED to welcome Miss Nancy Thomas as our Guest Organist today. It is also a pleasure to have Mrs. Mary Anne Johnston return as soloist.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the second quarter are available on the narthex table. Please secure your envelope today.

NEW MEMBERS will be received next Sunday. Others who wish to unite with this congregation at this time should contact the minister today.

HOSPITALIZED: Dr. J. Earl Danieley at Memorial, Chapel Hill; Mrs. A. L. Hook at Lee County, Sanford; Mrs. Oma Johnson at Fuquay-Varina.

THE CONGREGATION UNITES in expressing Christian Sympathy to Mrs. Bertha Phillips upon the death of her sister, Mrs. Maggie Moore of Burlington on July 9.

OTHER: Articles for "The Torch" are due tomorrow. . . The Thrift Shop will be open Saturday morning at 10:30.

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 13, 1980

ISAIAH 66:10-14

All talk of God is metaphor. Eye cannot see nor mind encompass the infinite God. Words are vessels too small for God's height, breadth, and depth. So we use parallels and parables to move from our familiar, yet fractioned, existence to the strange otherness of the holy One. Jesus calls God "Father." We talk of believing in God "the Father Almighty." We could also speak of belief in God as Mother. Israel's prophet did that when he heralded God's promise that: "As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you." God: our Mother. We gladly say, "I believe in God, Mother All-Loving, who upholds all that lives."

PRESENT YOUR MINISTRIES

In the State of Iowa, where I now live, the beautiful green fields of corn and soybeans provide a landscape that an artist can paint. To a farmer the tall corn represents a bountiful harvest.

Also in this State I've found many adults—retired or those whose children no longer live at home—who are ready to serve in varied ministries of the church. They are eager to give time to visit in the hospital or nursing homes or to serve Meals on Wheels. When opportunities are provided for persons to share in small groups, adults are ready to express both their opinions and convictions with one another. There is also present in our life today a willingness and openness to examine new ways of working and thinking and to accept them. I have seen men and women excited about Bible study and new approaches to church-school studies. Reports continue to come to me of communities where women of different faiths are eager and ready to worship, study, and act to perform Christian ministry.

I am truly excited about the harvest I perceive as ready for reaping. The harvest of Christian lives is just waiting for YOU to say, "Let's do and share more in our community today as we plan and act together."

Minnie Dorman
Associate Minister, First Christian Church
President, Iowa Church Women United
Oskaloosa, Iowa

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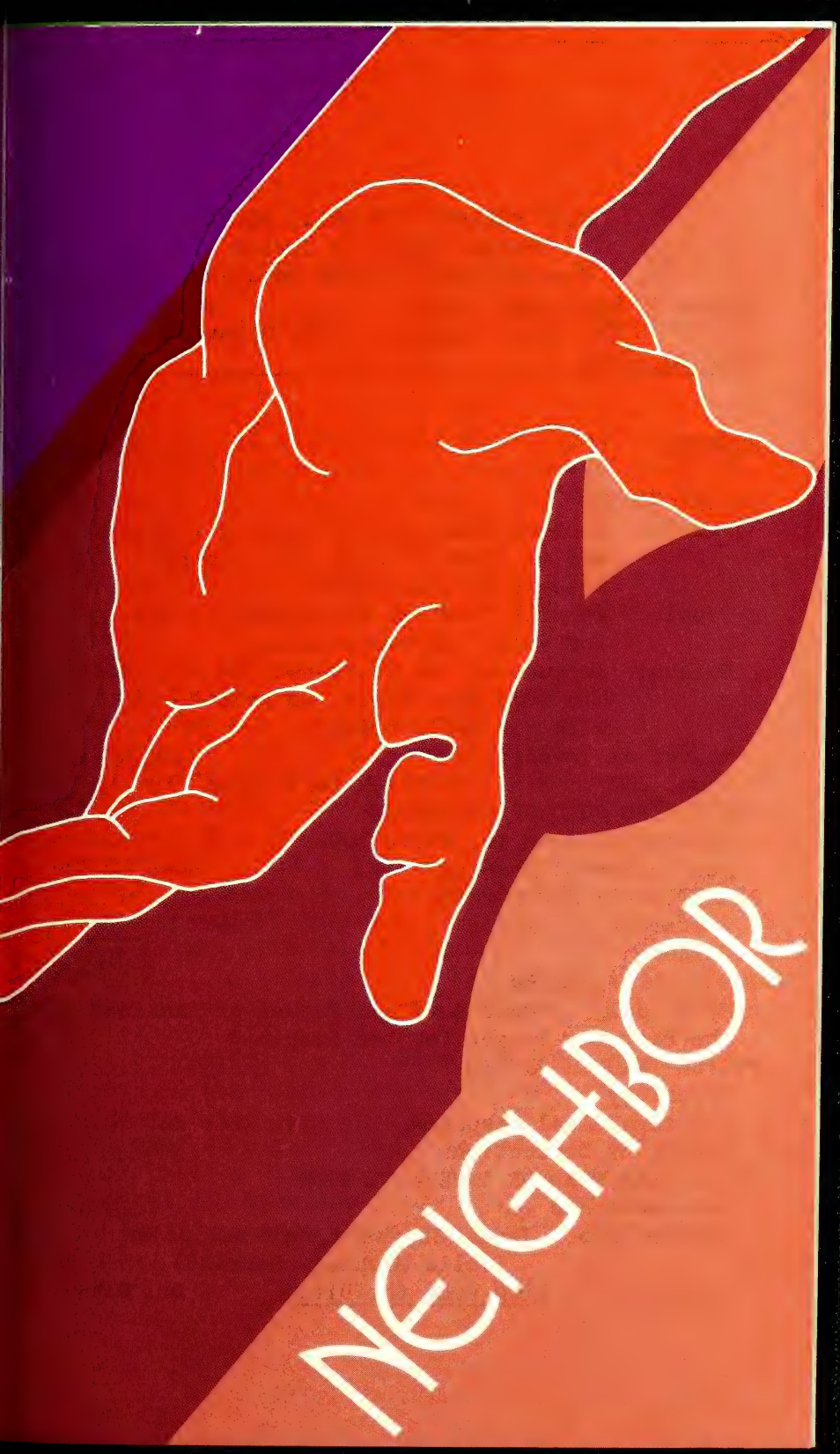
NEIGHBOR

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
United Church of Christ
Elon College, North Carolina

Thomas R. Hamilton, Pastor Phone: 584-0391
Mr. David Vaughan, Guest Organist

July 20, 1980 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE (Selected)

PRAISE TO GOD

Pastor: We come this morning seeking the Lord who is close at hand and even now present in this place.

People: We will find him by turning to him for mercy and inspiration.

Unison: Because we are confident God will let his word bear fruit, we praise him with our whole beings.

Prayer of Invocation

* Hymn 227 "Fairest Lord Jesus"

THE LIVING WORD OF SCRIPTURE

Psalter Reading 95, Psalm 100 p. 531

New Testament Reading Luke 10:25-37

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

* Statement of Faith

* Welcome

THE WORD OF PRAYER

Hymn 341 "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

The Pastor's Prayer for the People

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING

Offertory

* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own

* Prayer of Dedication

THE SPOKEN WORD OF INTERPRETATION

Announcements

Anthem Solo Jesus, Shepherd, Walk Beside Me Bach
(Julia Michael, Soprano)

Sermon <u>View From the Ditch</u> Dr. Hamilton

)ING OUT TO SERVE
Hymn 423 "Where Cross the Crowded Ways" (st.1-4)
Benediction
Congregational Response The Doxology
)STLUDE

CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting that you sign the guest register in the narthex. Greeters of the Day are Mr. Ken Harper and Dr. Phil Mann.

HE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Willard White in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hollifield and Mr. and Mrs. Luther White.

ODAY: 6:00 Church Family Softball at College Field
7:00 Christian Education Committee

E ARE PLEASED to welcome Mr. David Vaughan as Guest Organist and Miss Julia Michael as soloist.

EW MEMBERS received today are Mr. and Mrs. P. Michael Mayse (Janet) and Mr. P. Michael Grant.

OSPITALIZED: Dr. J. Earl Danieley at Memorial, Chapel Hill; Mrs. A. L. Hook at Lee County, Sanford; Mrs. Oma Johnson at Fuquay-Varina.

EN OF THE CHURCH will meet Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 7:00 to paint the exterior of the parsonage (weather permitting). Bring a brush and ladder if you can.

INANCIAL STATEMENTS for the second quarter are available on the narthex table. Please secure your envelope today.

ATTENDING CAMP at Johns River this week are Andre Wilkins, Charles Wilkins, and Mike Fogleman.

REGISTRATIONS for Vacation Bible School (August 4-9) should be returned to the church office by next Sunday.

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 20, 1980

LUKE 10:25-37

Two questions enfold the story of the good Samaritan. The lawyer's opening query was a bid to debate the law: "Who is the neighbor I am required to love?" Jesus' closing question pointed to a compassion that goes beyond law: "Who proved neighbor to the one in need?" Those two questions still get asked: To whom do I owe duty? To my family only? Friends in my neighborhood? People of my own class, race, nation, religion, or party? That contrasts with the more Christian question: Who needs my help? Whose pain, doubt, guilt, bitterness, anger, grief, sickness, oppression, or poverty beckons for my compassionate help?

TO TASTE A RAINBOW

When Christian education leaders of the United Church of Christ in Gainesville, Florida, explored ways to experience the meaning of the Old Testament book of *Genesis,* they came up with an extravaganza to supplement the ongoing church-school program. Their own excitement spilled over into the congregation, and more than 20% of the adult members of the church actively participated.

The story of the Garden of Eden came alive as multi-aged "families" were turned loose in an enticing wooded area of the church grounds, warned not to touch a particular balloon-covered tree, and ordered out of the area when the tree was (inevitably) touched. They gained an understanding of Cain and Abel when together they watched a mini-drama prepared by the young people. They learned about the Tower of Babel as each "family" was instructed to build a tower from a large collection of wooden blocks. And the story of the Flood came alive when, instructed by "Noah," the children helped to build a cardboard ark.

The climax of the experience occurred after a rocky "voyage," when Noah and the survivors emerged to discover that the rainbow, God's sign of a new covenant with the people, was in this case made of rainbow sherbet!

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Mary

has chosen the good portion

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Thomas R. Hamilton, Pastor Phone: 584-0391
Mary Alice Bragg, Director of Music

July 27, 1980 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Chaconne for Continuo Pachelbel

PRAISE TO GOD

Pastor: The Lord comes to us today speaking words of mercy and forgiveness.

People: He seeks now our presence, our attention, our response of faith.

Unison: May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in his sight for he is our strength and our Redeemer.

Prayer of Invocation

* Hymn 64 "All Creatures of Our God And King"

THE LIVING WORD OF SCRIPTURE

Psalter Reading 69, Psalm 23 p. 518

New Testament Reading Luke 10:38-42

THE WORD OF PRAYER

Hymn 241 "Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers"

The Pastor's Prayer for the People

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING

Offertory Litanie Dupre

* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own

* Prayer of Dedication

THE SPOKEN WORD OF INTERPRETATION

Announcements

Anthem Solo How Beautiful Upon the Mountain
(Jeannie Duncan, Soprano)

Sermon <u>Stress Without Distress</u> Dr. Hamilton

OING OUT TO SERVE
Hymn 381 "My Faith, It Is An Oaken Staff"
Benediction
Congregational Response The Doxology
OSTLUDE

CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting that you sign the guest register in the narthex. Greeters of the Day are Mrs. Gladys Hughes and Mr. E. W. Vickers.

HE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. John C. Wells.

ODAY: 6:00 Church Family Softball at College Field
7:00 Board of Trustees

E ARE PLEASED to welcome as Guest Soloist Miss Jeannie Duncan, a high school student from Burlington who studies voice with Mrs. Mary Anne Johnston.

EN OF THE CHURCH will meet Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 6:30 (weather permitting) to paint the exterior of the parsonage. Bring a brush and ladder if you can.

OSPITALIZED: Mrs. Betty Fogleman at County;
Mrs. A. L. Hook at Lee County, Sanford;
Mrs. Oma Johnson at Fuquay-Varina.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the second quarter are on the narthex table. Please secure yours today.

OTHER: Please return registrations for Vacation Bible School today. Articles for "The Torch" are due in the church office tomorrow.

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 27, 1980

LUKE 10:38-42

It is hard to criticize Martha for "much serving." Jesus' chiding is mild. His concern is for the result of her busyness. Martha is "distracted," literally, "drawn about in different directions." The story suggests that there is a time for serving in love and a time for listening to love. In that setting, Mary chose the "good portion." In our setting, the *best* portion could be the ability to know when it is time to rest, learn, and pray and when it is time to get out into the world to do Christ's work. Both are necessary. Has not Luke set side-by-side the parable of the Good Samaritan and this story of Martha and Mary?

UNION CHURCH—OVERSEAS

In many major foreign cities, English-speaking travelers, business representatives, members of the diplomatic corps and families of overseas church workers find their home-away-from-home in a Union Church—an interdenominational, international group of Christians who come together for worship and service.

Such a Union Church has a special ministry to people who are living, perhaps only briefly, in a strange land and culture. It is found in places as diverse as Buenos Aires, Tokyo, Manila, Bangkok, and London. In addition to providing worship and programs that reach across cultural and generation gaps, it helps with legal, medical, marital, and personal problems, all of which are heightened and aggravated by the tension of living in a different culture.

If you plan to travel overseas, either for business or for pleasure, as a tourist or as a resident, you will always find a warm welcome at a Union Church. If you encounter unexpected problems, you can find an overseas pastor and a congregation whose members will be glad to assist you. There are now 750,000 Christian Americans abroad who can be an effective witness to Christ's presence in other lands.

Richard B. Ribble
Rock Springs Presbyterian Church
Atlanta, Georgia

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FRIEND

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Thomas R. Hamilton, Pastor Phone: 584-039

Mary Alice Bragg, Director of Music

Mike Fogleman and Charles Wilkins, Acolytes

August 3, 1980 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Prelude and Fugue in d minor Bac

PRAISE TO GOD

Pastor: Our Lord has said we ought always to pray and not to faint.

People: They that wait upon the Lord
shall renew their strength.
They shall mount up with wings like eagles;
They shall run and not be weary;
They shall walk and not faint.

Prayer of Invocation

The Lord's Prayer all unitin

* Hymn 4 "All People That On Earth Do Dwell"

THE LIVING WORD OF SCRIPTURE

Psalter Reading 107, Psalm 145 p. 53

New Testament Reading Luke 11:1-1

THE WORD OF PRAYER

Hymn 241 "Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers"

The Pastor's Prayer for the People

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING

Offertory Alles ist an Gottes Segen Karg-Eler

* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Ow

* Prayer of Dedication

THE SPOKEN WORD OF INTERPRETATION

Announcements

Consider the Christians in Kitwe Dr. Sloa

Anthem Solo Come, Ye Blessed Scot
(Mike Daniel, Baritone)

Sermon Teach Us To Pray Dr. Hamilto

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn 391	"Be Thou My Vision"	
* Benediction		
* Congregational Response		The Doxology
*POSTLUDE	Chant Herioque	Franck

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting that you sign the guest register in the narthex. Greeters of the Day are Mr. Howard Loy and Mr. Tom Smith.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mrs. Ruth Drumm in memory of her mother, Mrs. Emma Tong, and her husband, Mr. Lewis R. Drumm.

TODAY: 6:00 Church Family Softball at College Field
7:30 Board of Deacons

WE ARE PLEASED to welcome as Guest Soloist Mr. Mike Daniel who is a Williams High School graduate studying voice with Mrs. Mary Anne Johnston.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be held each morning this week, from 9:15 until noon, studying the theme of "Friends". All "Friends" in the congregation are invited to share with us Friday evening at 6:30 in a covered dish supper. Mrs. Andrea Albertson and Mrs. Lou Harper are co-directors.

CIRCLES of the Women's Fellowship meet this week.

ATTENDING the back-packing camp this week are Daniel Hamilton and Chris Vickers.

HOSPITALIZED: Mrs. Oma Johnson at Fuquay-Varina.

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 3, 1980

LUKE 11:1-13

Jesus makes the point that God is a friend. His argument runs from what is minor to what is major. Normal parents, despite human limits, can be counted on to meet their children's needs. How much more your Divine Parent! You rely on earthly friends who have their own problems, work at their own agendas, and seek their own good, even so to answer your call for help. How much readier to answer you is the Heavenly Friend whose love sets the agenda for your life. "Ask," bids Jesus, "ask as of a friend. God, Sovereign Lord of creation, is the Friend of every creature. You will be given what *in reality* you need."

CONSIDER THE CHRISTIANS IN KITWE

Chris and Irene Burr are missionaries of our United Church Board for World Ministries in Kitwe, Zambia. Their description of their local congregation's ministry to others is inspiring:

"We do have a significant outreach budget. Fully 35% of the money we raise at St. Margaret's goes to needs outside our congregation. Besides providing over $5,000 per year to the Presbytery for ministers' salaries, literature work, support of the ministerial college, church extension, and lay training, we also give to specific needs.

"This year we are again buying liquid soap for the Kitwe Central Hospital, because no soap is available there at all. We also bought a bicycle for Rev. Ed Mwenya, a fellow pastor who serves 25 congregations (3,000-4,000 Christians) in rural Luapula Province, with no transport whatsoever. Edward walks 20 to 25 kilometers to visit his parishioners and supports his wife and six children on $90 per month.

"There are many other projects that we support, like the Kaputa Mission, a fishing self-help project on the shores of Lake Mweru Wantipa, and the education of Joseph Kapolyo, a young Christian leader for the Scripture Union in Zambia."

You assist in supporting the ministry of Chris and Irene Burr through your giving to *Our Christian World Mission.*

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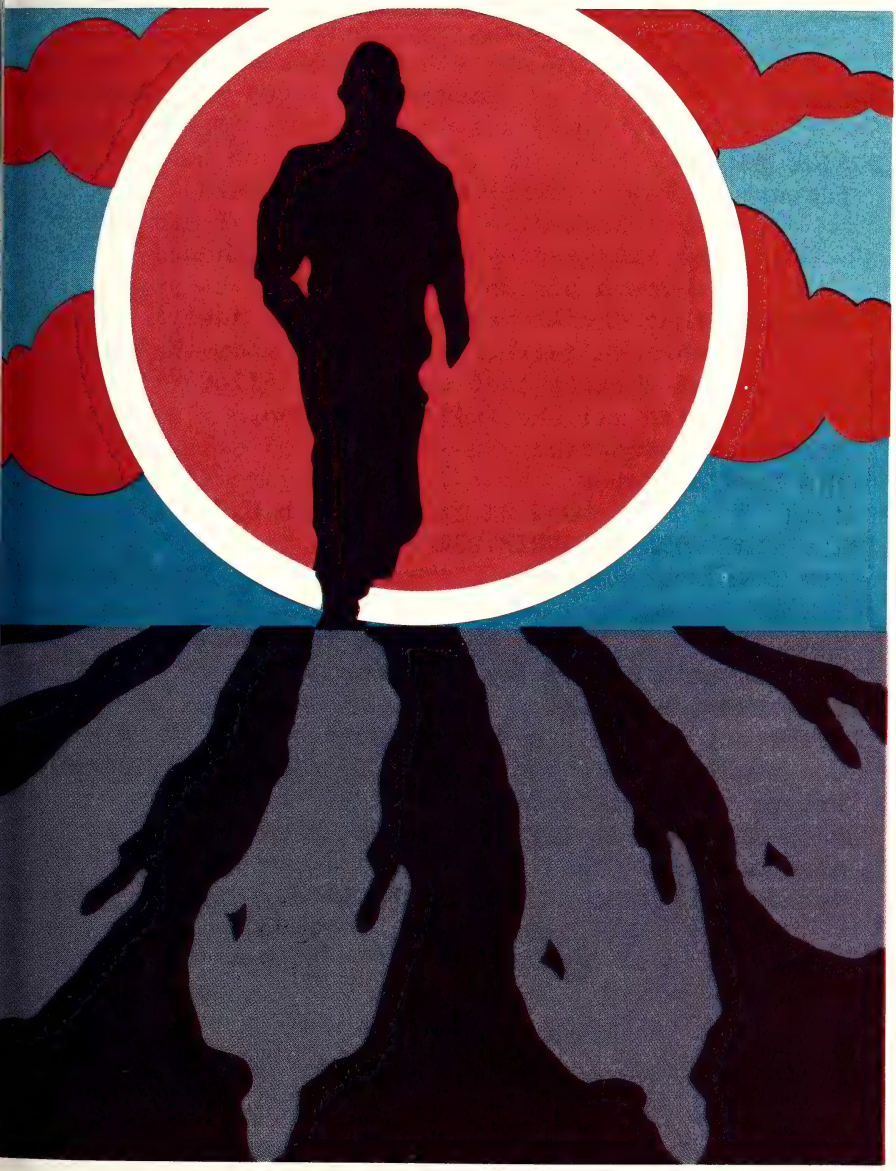

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
United Church of Christ
Elon College, North Carolina

Thomas R. Hamilton Phone: 584-0391
Mary Alice Bragg, Director of Music
Joanne Gerlach and Beth Barbee, Acolytes

August 10, 1980 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Canzona Froberger

PRAISE TO GOD

Pastor: I bow my knees before the Father
that according to the riches of his glory
he may grant you to be strengthened
through his Spirit,

People: that Christ may dwell in our hearts
through faith, that we may know the love
of Christ, that we may be filled
with all the fullness of God.

Prayer of Invocation

The Lord's Prayer (all uniting)

* Hymn 3 "God Himself Is With Us"

THE LIVING WORD OF SCRIPTURE

New Testament Reading Luke 12:13-21

THE WORD OF PRAYER

Hymn 402 "Jesus, Where'er Thy People Meet"

The Pastor's Prayer for the People

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING

Offertory Christe du Lamm Gottes Karg-Elert

* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own

* Prayer of Dedication

THE SPOKEN WORD OF INTERPRETATION

Announcements

Anthem Solo Seek Ye the Lord Roberts
(Peggy Lackey, Soprano)

Sermon <u>How God Uses His Riches</u>

)ING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn 328 "The Lord Is Rich and Merciful"

Benediction

Congregational Response The Doxology

)STLUDE Glory to God in the Highest Pergolesi

CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting that you sign the guest register in the narthex. Greeters of the Day are Mr. **Kenneth Clem** and Mr. **Howard Loy**.

IE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Mr. H. E. Whitesell, Sr. by Mrs. Whitesell.

)DAY: 6:00 Church Family Softball at College Field

IE TOWN BOARD OF ALDERMEN meet Tuesday evening at 7:00 at the Town Hall. Among items of consideration will be the concern about community problems related to the "Lighthouse". Our Board of Deacons also has discussed this matter and urges any of our members to attend Tuesday's meeting to express individual concern.

HE ADULT CHOIR has enjoyed a much-deserved vacation from rehearsals for the past month. This Wednesday rehearsals resume, and all former choir members or any others who would share this ministry of music are invited to attend at 7:30 in the Updyke Center.

ONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs Benjamin Jordan and grandparents Mr. and Mrs. John Schmidt upon the birth of Heather Denise Jordan on August 3.

ONGRATULATIONS to Floyd B. Wilson and Barbara W. Motley whose Service of Marriage was celebrated here yesterday.

HE CONGREGATION UNITES in expressing Christian Sympathy to the Family upon the death of Mrs. Oma U. Johnson on August 6. The Memorial Service was held here Friday.

THER: We are pleased to have Mrs. Peggy Lackey as soloist today. . . Thanks to all who participated in Vacation Bible School last week. . . Articles for "The Torch" are due tomorrow. . . Next Sunday our Pastor will be guest minister at Elon First Baptist Church and the Rev. Bruce Martin will be our guest minister.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 10, 1980

LUKE 12:13-21

Danish philosopher Kierkegaard has a parable about a nobleman whose carriage had so many headlamps that the man could not see the stars. So, said Kierkegaard, owning or desiring material wealth can blind us to God. Jesus says that having or wanting abundant possessions can blind us to other people, too. That was what undid the farmer whom Jesus called, "Fool!" Affluence shut out of the man's sight the neighbor who needed help. It also imprisoned him in the addiction to luxury, plunged him in poverty of soul, and left him spiritually dead. Death separates us from things: things have power to separate us from life.

LEADERS FOR NATIVE AMERICAN CONGREGATIONS

John Walking Tall is a Dakota, the great-grandson of a Native American who fought against—and defeated—George Armstrong Custer and his U.S. Seventh Cavalry in 1876 at Little Big Horn in Montana. John and his family are members of a small American Indian congregation that is located on a reservation in South Dakota, where his people have lived since the 1880's. For more than a generation, they have lived there by choice, preferring the simple life of farming and ranching close to nature to the more complex life of the urban scene.

Though never seminary-trained, John is the lay preacher for his congregation. Now, thanks to an interdenominational venture in which our denomination is engaged—the Native American Theological Association—John and 600 other Native American church leaders are receiving theological training in their own communities. In addition, fifteen Native Americans are now enrolled in schools associated with NATA, including United Theological Seminary in Minnesota, Cook Christian Training School in Arizona, and Dubuque Theological Seminary in Iowa.

You support this important effort to provide trained Indian leadership, plus a variety of other important ministries to Native Americans, when you give to the annual Neighbors in Need all-church offering. NIN provides support each year to the Council for American Indian Ministry of the United Church of Christ.

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FAITH

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
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Mary Alice Bragg, Director of Music
Andre Wilkins and Keith Fogleman, Acolytes

August 17, 1980 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Allegro Corelli

PRAISE TO GOD

Leader: To have faith is to be sure of the things we hope for, to be certain of the things we cannot see.

People: It is by faith that we understand that the universe was created by God's word, so that what can be seen was made out of what cannot be seen.

Choir: O Holy Spirit, Enter In

Prayer of Invocation

The Lord's Prayer (all uniting)

* Hymn 22 "We Praise Thee, O God"

THE LIVING WORD OF SCRIPTURE

New Testament Reading Acts 20:7-12

THE WORD OF PRAYER

Hymn 402 "Jesus, Where'er Thy People Meet"

The Pastoral Prayer for the People

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING

Offertory Solo Lord, Above All . . . Bach
(Martha M. Denny, Contralto)

* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own

* Prayer of Dedication

THE SPOKEN WORD OF INTERPRETATION

Announcements

Anthem Lighten the Darkness Gibbons

Sermon Church Sleepers, Beware Mr. Martin

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn 302	"O Zion, Haste"	(st.1,2)
Benediction		
Congregational Response		The Doxology
POSTLUDE	Maestoso	Mendelssohn

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting that you sign the guest register in the narthex. Greeters of the Day are Mr. Bill Price and Dr. George Troxler.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Mr. Robert Paul Everette, Sr. by the Family.

OUR GUEST MINISTER is the Rev. Mr. Bruce Martin, Pastor of the Elon First Baptist Church where today our Pastor is Guest Minister. Dr. William Sloan is serving as liturgist and we delight in the return of Mrs. Martha Matthews Denny of Burlington as soloist. We extend our appreciation to each for leading our Service of Worship.

TODAY: 6:00 Church Family Softball at College Field
7:00 Christian Education Committee

THE PASTOR AND FAMILY will be on vacation this week. He may be contacted in any emergency or need by calling the church office in the mornings or by calling Mrs. Suzanne Smith at home in the evenings.

THE ADULT CHOIR rehearses Wednesday evenings at 7:30. New voices are always welcome.

NEXT SUNDAY our Service of Worship will be conducted by Dr. J. Earl Danieley.

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 17, 1980

HEBREWS 11:1-3, 8-12

"Faith" has two meanings. "Faith" can mean *belief that* certain propositions are worthy to be taken as true. The writer of *Hebrews* says, "By faith we understand that the world was created by God." With near-unanimity, North Americans claim that kind of faith. But, however popular, that kind of faith can mean little in the way one lives. "Faith" can mean *trust in* someone. By faith, Sarah placed her trust in God who promised an heir, despite her old age. Such faith meant something to Sarah—it changed her life. That kind of faith can change your life!

THE IMPORTANCE OF GIVING

A letter from Dick and Nan Engstrom, missionaries of our United Church Board for World Ministries serving in the Marshall Islands, points up the importance of giving to mission. Dick and Nan are in an area where virtually all local Christian pastors were educated in schools related to the UCBWM in the 1950's, before public education got under way.

Dick writes, "I never realized how important giving to *Our Christian World Mission* is, until I visited some of the sites of our schools which had closed as funds from the U.S.A. needed to be cut. Local support was not strong enough to keep them going, and some of the council leaders felt lost without these centers of mission.

"Nor did I ever realize," he continues, "the great importance of the Bible Societies, until I came here to the Marshall Islands and realized that the one translation available here includes only the New Testament and portions of the Old Testament through Isaiah (work of translation supported by the Board) . . . Don't ever underestimate the importance of your support in prayers, letters, and dollars to OCWM!"

The United Church Board for World Ministries has budgeted more than $30,000 for work in Micronesia in 1980. You help this work and much, much more when you give to *Our Christian World Mission.*

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FIRE

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
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Mary Alice Bragg, Director of Music

August 24, 1980 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott Walther

PRAISE TO GOD

Leader: In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.

People: Everything was made by him,
and not one thing that was made
was made without him.

All: It is by faith that we understand that the
universe was created by God's word . . .
the Eternal Word who became human
to make God known to all people.

Choir: Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Plainson

Prayer of Invocation

The Lord's Prayer

* Hymn 485 "This Is My Father's World"

THE LIVING WORD OF SCRIPTURE

Old Testament Jeremiah 38:1-13 Bryan Burne

New Testament Hebrews 12:1-7 Tracey Taylo

THE WORD OF PRAYER

Hymn 361 "Have Faith In God"

The Pastoral Prayer for the People

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING

Offertory Liebster, Jesu, wir sind hier

* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Ow

* Prayer of Dedication

THE SPOKEN WORD OF INTERPRETATION

Announcements

Anthem Not Alone For Mighty Empires George Da

Sermon <u>The Whole World..In His Hands</u> Dr. Daniele

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" (insert)

Closing Prayer

Congregational Response The Doxology

POSTLUDE I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord Williams

(Jane Danieley, Organist)

* Indicates when the congregation stands

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended to all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting that you sign the guest register in the narthex. Greeters of the Day are Mr. E. W. Brafford and Mrs. Della Scott.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Howard to honor the Deacons of this congregation.

THE SERVICE OF WORSHIP TODAY is conducted by Dr. J. Earl Danieley, Professor of Chemistry at Elon College and a Deacon of this congregation.

WE ARE PLEASED to welcome the players and coaches of the 1980 Fighting Christians of Elon College and we are glad to have Bryan Burney and Tracey Taylor serving as Liturgists.

TODAY: 6:00 Church Family Softball at College Field

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. P. Michael Mayse upon the birth of Matthew Ryan on August 17.

ON SEPTEMBER 14 we will hold the Service of Consecration for our new Casavant Pipe Organ. Please sign on the narthex announcement board if you would like to attend the buffet dinner at McEwen Dining Hall, following the Service. It is anticipated that the per plate cost will be $4.00.

OTHER: Next Sunday is Promotion Sunday in the Church School. Please gather here in the sanctuary at 9:30. . . Addresses of college students in our congregation are needed in the church office. . . Daily Devotional Guides for September-October are available in the narthex.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 24, 1980

LUKE 12:49-53

You may like *The Battle Hymn of the Republic* and dislike its picture of Jesus, loosing the "lightning of his terrible, swift sword." Is that picture true? You may think not, seeing Jesus always gentle and mild. That vision is comfortable. It justifies a non-controversial stance in life. But it neglects a fact: Jesus died for opposing evil. Had he not been willing to do so, he could not have incarnated God who requires justice. It also ignores the experience of Christians who, for faith, were ostracized, persecuted, or killed. Christ looses *fire*—judgment and division, as well as forgiveness and reconciliation—for the world's ultimate peace.

A CHRISTIAN MINISTRY IN NATIONAL PARKS

Millions of people visit national parks and national forests each year. Thousands of college students and park personnel serve these tourists. Sensing an opportunity for ministry, Warren W. Ost, once a bellhop in Yellowstone Park, initiated a "worker-priest" movement of college and seminary students that has now become "A Christian Ministry in the National Parks."

This movement is recognized by at least 40 denominations. It extends the ministry and mission of the church to more than 60 national parks and national forests in 23 states. About 350 college and seminary students each year fulfill their Christian commitment in service to those on vacation and to those who serve vacationers in these areas. These programs include services of worship in outdoor settings, sunrise prayer services, ministry to persons who seek renewal and recreation, and additional opportunities to proclaim the gospel.

People on the move are challenged to respond in discipleship to the God who not only saves in Jesus Christ but who created the majesty of lake, mountain, forest, and sea.

David D. Cockcroft
Executive Committee
A Christian Ministry in the National Parks

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The new earth

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
United Church of Christ
Elon College, North Carolina

Thomas R. Hamilton, Pastor — Phone: 584-0391
Mary Alice Bragg, Director of Music

August 31, 1980 — 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE — Ach Gott und Herr — Walther

PRAISE TO GOD
- Call to Worship
- Choral Introit — Not Alone For Mighty Empire
- Prayer of Invocation
- The Lord's Prayer — (all uniting)
- * Hymn 7 — "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

THE LIVING WORD
- The Bulletin Message
- Lessons from the Old Testament — Isaiah 66:22,23; Jeremiah 1:1-10
- Anthem — Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether — Friedell

THE WORD OF PRAYER
- Silent Prayers of the People
- The Pastor's Prayer for the People

THE SPOKEN WORD
- * Hymn 87 — "God Moves in A Mysterious Way"
- Sermon — Building and Planting — Dr. Hamilton

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD
- Our Offerings
- Offertory — Adagio — Liszt
- * Our Thanks — The Doxology
- * Our Prayer
- * Our Hymn 451 — "Turn Back, O Man. . . "

GOD'S BLESSINGS ON OUR LABORS
- * The Benediction
- * Postlude — Menuet Gothique — Boellmann

* Indicates when the congregation stands

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HE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Edgerton in memory of their parents.

ODAY: 6:00 Church Family Softball at College Field

HE STUDENTS of Elon College are returning during this weekend. As usual, we will want to welcome them to the worship and fellowship of this congregation. Members can assist greatly by helping them to feel at home with us.

HE ADULT CHOIR rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 7:30. The Youth Choir for grades 2-8 begins next Sunday under the direction of Mrs. Lackey. The Youth Choir will rehearse on Sunday mornings at 9:30.

HE SERVICE OF CONSECRATION for our new Casavant Pipe Organ will be held on September 14. Please sign the narthex announcement board if you would like to attend the buffet dinner at McEwen Dining Hall following the Service. The cost will be $4.00 per plate.

EXT SUNDAY is Promotion Day in the Church School. We begin our new year with several new teachers. Please try to have all students here so that they may be assigned new classes. We will gather in the sanctuary at 9:45.

HE QUARTERLY MEETING of the Women's Fellowship will be September 8 in the Updyke Choral Center. The devotional and program will focus on "Marks of the Faithful Church".

THER: Articles for "The Torch" are due tomorrow. . . Please provide names and addresses for our college students. . . Copies of the September "Conference News" are available in the narthex. . . The Thrift Shop will be attended Saturday by Mrs. Lou Harper.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 31, 1980

ISAIAH 66:18-23

Vision of the new earth runs through the Bible and spills into our world. It is in the rainbow sign God gives to Noah, the covenant with Abraham and Sarah, the forging of nomads and slaves into people called to be "light for the nations." For Hebrew prophet and Christian seer, the vision propels hope across history and beyond time. It summons us now to halt the wanton depletion, pollution, and maldistribution of the earth's resources. It prompts a quest for what one writer calls, *A New Ethic for a New Earth.* The new earth is God's gift at time's end. But our vision of the new earth must inform our action in all the earth today.

LETTING THE SUNSHINE IN

In Washingtonville, New York, the First Presbyterian Church is really letting the sunshine in—letting it illuminate not only the local situation but also one of the major issues of our times: the energy crisis!

Several years ago, after reading about a solar-heating panel in *Popular Science,* the pastor was intrigued. With the support of the board of trustees, a crew of about 15 members and the pastor built what they called "Solar I." The project consisted of three units, each with an outer box filled with insulation and an inner box in which rows of aluminum cups (each cut from a beer or soda can) soaked up the sun's heat after it passed through two layers of glass. The units were placed at the southwest corner of the parish house. The heat that was collected was fed through a short duct into the parish house, where a window fan blew it throughout some 46,800 cubic feet of space, warming the building's two floors, vestibule, and chapel.

The effect was to reduce the need for the building's oil furnace, and $660 was saved in the first year, more than offsetting the cost of installation. Thus far, the church has shared its plans with some 2,300 other congregations in 50 states and 13 foreign countries. "Solar I" suggests a model that your congregation, too, might well follow!

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Alan Young and Keith Fogleman, Acolytes

September 7, 1980 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Priere L. Boellmann

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee
Prayer of Invocation
The Lord's Prayer (all uniting)
* Hymn 15 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

THE LIVING WORD
Lessons from the New Testament Mark 9:33-37
Luke 14:1,7-11
Anthem Solo Verbirg nicht . . . Frauenholtz

THE WORD OF PRAYER
Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People

THE SPOKEN WORD
Period of Announcements
Ritual of Friendship
* Hymn 418 "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"
Sermon Looking For A Model of Humility

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD
Our Offerings
Offertory Trio for Organ C. P. E. Bach
* Our Thanks The Doxology
* Our Prayer
* Our Hymn 365 "Faith of Our Fathers"

GOD'S BLESSINGS ON OUR LABORS
* The Benediction
* Postlude Allegro Corelli

* Indicates when the congregation stands

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HE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Mrs. Maude Sharpe Powell by Dr. and Mrs. T. E. Powell, III.

HANKS to Denise Joines, Soprano, and Avie Barilovits, Violinist, for sharing with us in the ministry of music.

DAY: 6:00 Church Family Softball at College Field.
6:15 Circle Christian Education Chairmen meet in the Gregory Library.
7:00 Executive Board of Women's Fellowship.
7:30 Board of Deacons

HE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP Quarterly Meeting is tomorrow evening at 7:30 in the Updyke Choral Center. "Marks of the Faithful Church" is the program theme.

HE ELON MEN meet Tuesday evening at 6:30 at McMillan's Mall Restaurant. Cars will leave the parking lot at 6:15.

EXT SUNDAY we will hold the Service of Consecration for our new Casavant Pipe Organ. Please sign the narthex bulletin board if you can attend the buffet dinner at McEwen Dining Hall following the service. The cost will be $4 per plate.

N EXPLORATORY CLASS for new members begins next Sunday at 10:00 in the Gregory Library. Those persons considering church membership here are urged to attend.

HE ADULT CHOIR rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 7:30. The Youth Choir for grades 2-8 began today under the direction of Mrs. Lackey. The Youth Choir will rehearse each Sunday at 9:30.

WELCOME TO
RETURNING STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND STAFF
OF ELON COLLEGE

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 7, 1980

PROVERBS 22:1-9

In a current film, the main character is an illiterate gardener. All his life he has done nothing but water plants and watch television. He has gone nowhere, wishes nothing, and is without understanding. Beyond the flickering tube, he knows no reality. His face is a penetrating blank. You see the film. You think of the incredible number of hours children in the United States watch television. Apprehensive for their future, you hear with new urgency the ancient proverb: "Train up a child in the way he [or she] should go," and the child, when grown, "will not depart from it."

MARIA AND ROBERTO, JUAN AND LUPE

Maria and Roberto, Juan and Lupe are just four of the more than 100 children whose families have been helped by the In-Home Delivery System, a project of Trinity Coalition in El Paso, Texas.

Trinity Coalition is a group of community organizations that was first called together by the United Church of Christ in 1969 to assist in implementing a number of broad community programs in the low-income area surrounding our Trinity Congregational United Church of Christ.

Having been organized by the U.C.C., Trinity Coalition's In-Home Delivery System is now funded by the State of Texas through its Department of Human Resources. The System provides day-care in twenty-six Family Day Homes that are licensed by the State. Children from low-income families are cared for in these homes while their parents work, look for work, or participate in job-training programs. The Coalition is convinced, by its years of experience in the field, that in-home care for children has all the benefits of institutional care but is a more viable alternative for many families.

In addition to day-care, the System sponsors a nutrition program in which carefully prepared meals and snacks are provided to the children at minimal cost to their parents. The children are also provided with recreational and cultural opportunities, such as viewing artistic performances and participating in traditional holiday activities.

Sometimes the church provides money to support worthwhile people-serving projects; at other times, such as with the In-Home Delivery System described above, the church supplies the initiative and challenges others to provide funding.

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September 21, 1980 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Trumpet Concerto Hummel
Allegro con Spirito

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit This is the Day the Lord has Made
Prayer of Invocation
The Lord's Prayer (all uniting)
* Hymn 35 "When Morning Gilds the Skies" (St. 1-4)

THE LIVING WORD
Lessons from the New Testament Luke 15:1-24
I Timothy 1:12-17
Anthem All Praise to Thee Stanford

THE WORD OF PRAYER
Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People

THE SPOKEN WORD
Period of Announcements
* Hymn 245 "Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me
Sermon Indicators of Repentance Dr. Hamilton

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD
Our Offerings
Offertory Prayer of St. Gregory Hovhanes
* Our Thanks The Doxology
* Our Prayer
* Our Hymn 371 "He Who Would Valiant Be

GOD'S BLESSINGS ON OUR LABORS
* The Benediction
* Postlude Allegro J. S. Bach

"GETTING TO KNOW YOU"

Mr. & Mrs. Jim Jolley & Jay

Mr. & Mrs. James Woodruff, Pam & Beth

"Oh, who is that man who always sits over next to the aisle?"

"I've met him before, but I can't remember his name."

Sound Familiar?

Well, it won't be necessary after we get our new Pictorial Directories. It will match names and faces and enable us all to get to know each other better.

But we need your help to make it really useful! The directory won't be complete without your picture, and we've arranged to have it done at no cost.

The directory will be in color and will also be provided for you at no cost. So please respond when you are contacted for your portrait appointment.

Let's make it 100% complete!

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THE NATION'S STUDIO

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Dr. and Mrs. J. Earl Danieley in honor of her mother, Mrs. Burton Daniels.

ASSISTING as liturgist today is the Rev. Mr. Ervin Milton, Association Minister of Eastern North Carolina. The trumpeter is Mr. Steve Hedrick, a music major at Elon College.

OUR SERVICES OF WORSHIP are broadcast over Radio Station WSOE, 89.3 on the FM dial.

TODAY:

4:00	A tape-play of last Sunday's Service of Consecration, to be held in the Updyke Choral Center.
5:30	Church Family softball at College Field.
7:00	Nominating Committee
7:00	Christian Education Committee
7:15	Senior Hi Youth
7:30	Finance Committee

CUB PACK 51 meets Thursday evening at 7:30 in the Parish House.

AN EXPLORATORY CLASS for new members meets next Sunday at 10:00 in the Gregory Library. Those persons considering church membership here are urged to attend.

PHOTOGRAPHS for our Church Pictorial Directory will be made October 16, 17, 18, and 21. Please select an appointment-time by signing one of the sheets in the narthex.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. Barry Oxford and grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Oxford upon the birth of Brian Stewart Oxford on September 16.

MEALS-ON-WHEELS are delivered this week by our members.

YOUNG PEOPLE in grade 6 or older are eligible to become acolytes. Those who are interested should contact the Pastor this week.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 21, 1980

LUKE 15:1-32

Is God like a woman? Jesus once compared God to a woman who had ten pieces of money, which may have been all of her savings. One day, one of the pieces—ten percent of her life savings—got lost. She proceeded to turn her house upside down looking for the lost coin. Like that woman, said Jesus, God ransacks creation looking for God's lost children. When you hear the story of the father who waited at home for a wayfaring son, keep in mind this parable that sees God as one who goes out to hunt for us with vigor like that of this woman.

"THE PEOPLE SHALL LIVE"

"Oyate nimkte wacin yelo!" These words in Lakotah, one of three dialects of the Sioux language and one of the languages spoken by American Indian members of the United Church of Christ, mean: "The people shall live."

Joe Brown Thunder, a U.C.C. student in the Native American Theological Association and a church-school teacher in the Winnebago United Church of Christ of Black River Falls, Wisconsin, notes that American Indians today live in two cultures. "In both Indian and Christian traditions," he says, "we find our vision . . . ."

You help American Indian members of the United Church of Christ, gathered in 22 small Indian congregations on reservations in North and South Dakota, in Wisconsin, and in Nebraska, when you give to the annual Neighbors in Need all-church offering.

The strengthening of local congregations is one of the four top priorities identified by CAIM, the U.C.C. Council for American Indian Ministry. The training of leaders for local congregations, ministries to American Indians living in urban areas, and justice for Indians denied their legal rights are also high on CAIM's list of concerns.

With your help, our fellow-Christian Indian brothers and sisters will have new hope when they say, "Oyate nimkte wacin yelo!"

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WILL NEVER FORGET

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September 28, 1980 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Allegro for Organ Buxtehude

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit Brethren, we have met to Worship
Prayer of Invocation
The Lord's Prayer (all uniting)
* Hymn 66 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

THE LIVING WORD
Lessons from the New Testament Luke 16:1-13
II Timothy 2:1-8
Anthem Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord Mendelssohn

THE WORD OF PRAYER
Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People

THE SPOKEN WORD
Period of Announcements
* Hymn 399 "O Love that wilt not Let me Go"
Sermon The Right Image in the Wrong Place

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD
Our Offerings
Offertory Land of Rest Robert Near
* Our Thanks The Doxology
* Our Prayer
* Our Hymn 63 "Lord, Dismiss Us with thy Blessing" (St. 1, 2)

GOD'S BLESSINGS ON OUR LABORS
* The Benediction
* Choral Response Father, Give thy Benediction
* Postlude Benedictus Liszt

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TODAY: 5:30 Church Family Softball at College Field
7:15 Senior Hi Youth
7:30 Finance Committee

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HOSPITALIZED: Miss Winifred Barney at Butner.

THE CONGREGATION UNITES in expressing Christian Sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. George Shumar upon the death of his brother, Mr. William Shumar of Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania on September 25.

NEW MEMBERS will be received into our church family next Sunday. Others who wish to unite at this time should contact the Pastor by tomorrow.

OTHER: Articles for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning . . . The Thrift Shop will be open Saturday at 10:30 with Mrs. Lois Bost as attendant . . . The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated next Sunday.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 28, 1980

AMOS 8:4-8

"Whatever became of sin?" asks psychiatrist Karl Menninger. It seems to be forgotten by the church and beyond. But "the back of our minds" has not forgotten, says Dr. Menninger. Widespread mental, physical, and social ills are due to guilt we attempt to deny. And the prophet Amos says that God does not forget sin—neglect of the poor, love of luxury, injustice, and brutality. Only as we come to terms with the divine justice that warns: "I will never forget your deeds," can we know the divine mercy that promises: "I will not remember your sins."

COPS IN TEXAS

In San Antonio, Texas, an organization called "Communities Organized for Public Service" (COPS), a city-wide group composed largely of Mexican Americans, has achieved a complete restructuring of the natural gas pricing in that city and so alleviated the cost of energy to the poor.

One of the beneficiaries of this year's Neighbors in Need all-church offering, an offering that most U.C.C. congregations will receive next Sunday, will be a program advocating "A Fair Energy Policy for the Poor."

As in the COPS project, local groups will be helped to monitor our nation's energy legislation and advocate public policies on behalf of the voiceless poor. Funds from NIN will be used to help build a coalition of groups working for energy in the public interest, and will support a variety of local projects that engage the grass roots in sharing and shaping energy policy. The program will also expand our present "energy watch" by local churches, a program sponsored by the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries which has begun successfully in Vermont.

When you give to NIN this year, you will be supporting energy conservation with special emphasis on the needs of the poor, who can least afford the soaring costs.

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AT HIS GATE LAY A POOR MAN

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October 5, 1980 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Sonata in G - Largo Boni
Giga Corelli
(Mark Hauser, Oboe)

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choral Introit Here, O My Lord, I see Thee
PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN 247 "Holy God, we Praise thy Name"

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 121

NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 8 (selected)

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS
* The Statement of Faith Hymnal
* Welcome to the Church p. 497
ANTHEM Feast After Feast V. Ford

THE DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory Adagio in c minor Marcello
* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own
* Prayer of Dedication
MEDITATION Dramatized Benediction Dr. Hamilton

THE SERVICE OF COMMUNION
The Invitation of Christ
Communion Collect
General Confession (all uniting) Hymnal, p. 495
Assurance of Pardon
Words of Institution
Distribution of the Elements
* Thanksgiving

*HYMN 29 "Now Thank We All our God"

*BENEDICTION

* Congregational Response 62 God Be with You

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Mr. Walter C. Perry, Jr. by Mrs. Estelle L. Perry and Family.

THE HOLY COMMUNION is served today to all confirmed members of Christ's Church. We celebrate "open communion", inviting all professing Christians to join us in this Sacrament of Faith.

NEW MEMBERS received today are Dr. and Mrs. William Andes, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bush, Mr. Charles W. Parcell, Mrs. Joseph Scarlata, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Thurlow, and Mrs. Charles W. Parcell as an Associate Member.

TODAY: 2:00 CROP Walk begins at Williams High School
7:00 Senior Hi Youth
7:30 Board of Deacons

CIRCLES of the Women's Fellowship meet this week, as announced in "The Torch".

THE TELEPHONE COMMITTEE for the Pictorial Directory meets Wednesday evening at 7:30. You are asked to select a photograph appointment time by signing one of the sheets in the narthex.

THE HERITAGE TOUR leaves Thursday morning at 7:00. Attending from our congregation are Mrs. Sue Colclough, Mrs. Lucille Howard, Mrs. Eleanore Kittenger, Mrs. Juanita Loy and Dr. and Mrs. Hamilton.

A CAR WASH, sponsored by our Senior Hi Youth, will be held Saturday, 9:00-2:00, in the church parking lot.

OUR SERVICE next Sunday will be led by Dr. William Andes.

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 5, 1980

LUKE 16:19-31

Outside churches where today Christians gather about Christ's Table, one billion neighbors are ravaged by hunger. A woman is dying in the Sahel. Malnutrition soon will blind a child in South India. The world grows enough to feed every human on the planet at the level of our North American diet. Yet one billion Lazaruses lie starving at our gates. Will we who pray, "Give us this day our daily bread," respond to their hungry cry? Will we go out from worship to work for a more just system of distributing the food God gives, and share in God's answer to the human cry for bread?

NEIGHBORS IN NEED

Today, in congregations all across the nation, members of the United Church of Christ are giving over-and-above gifts to the Neighbors in Need offering. This all-church offering, whose specific projects vary from year to year, supports "homeland" needs.

In 1980, NIN will make possible new programs supporting:

- **Legal Justice for Institutionalized Persons.** A U.C.C. Legal Justice Fund will be established. Grants from this fund will help to finance court appeals for the protection of persons suffering maltreatment in institutions.
- **Churches for American Indians.** Through the Council for American Indian Ministry, grants will be made to sustain, strengthen, and, in cases where church buildings are badly in need of repair, rebuild the 22 small U.C.C. churches on Indian reservations.
- **A Fair Energy Policy for the Poor.** The U.C.C. will fund local projects that engage poor people in sharing and shaping energy policy. Such persons are often discriminated against and suffer most from present policies.
- **Empowerment for the Forgotten in Rural America.** The U.C.C. will work with interdenominational and other coalitions to secure and enhance rural life, where government policies have neglected pockets of rural poverty and where assistance is badly needed. A new U.C.C. program to be financed by our gifts will help to organize rural communities for the upgrading of education, housing, and health services.

When you support the Neighbors in Need all-church offering, you have a hand in each of these important programs of work. Please give generously!

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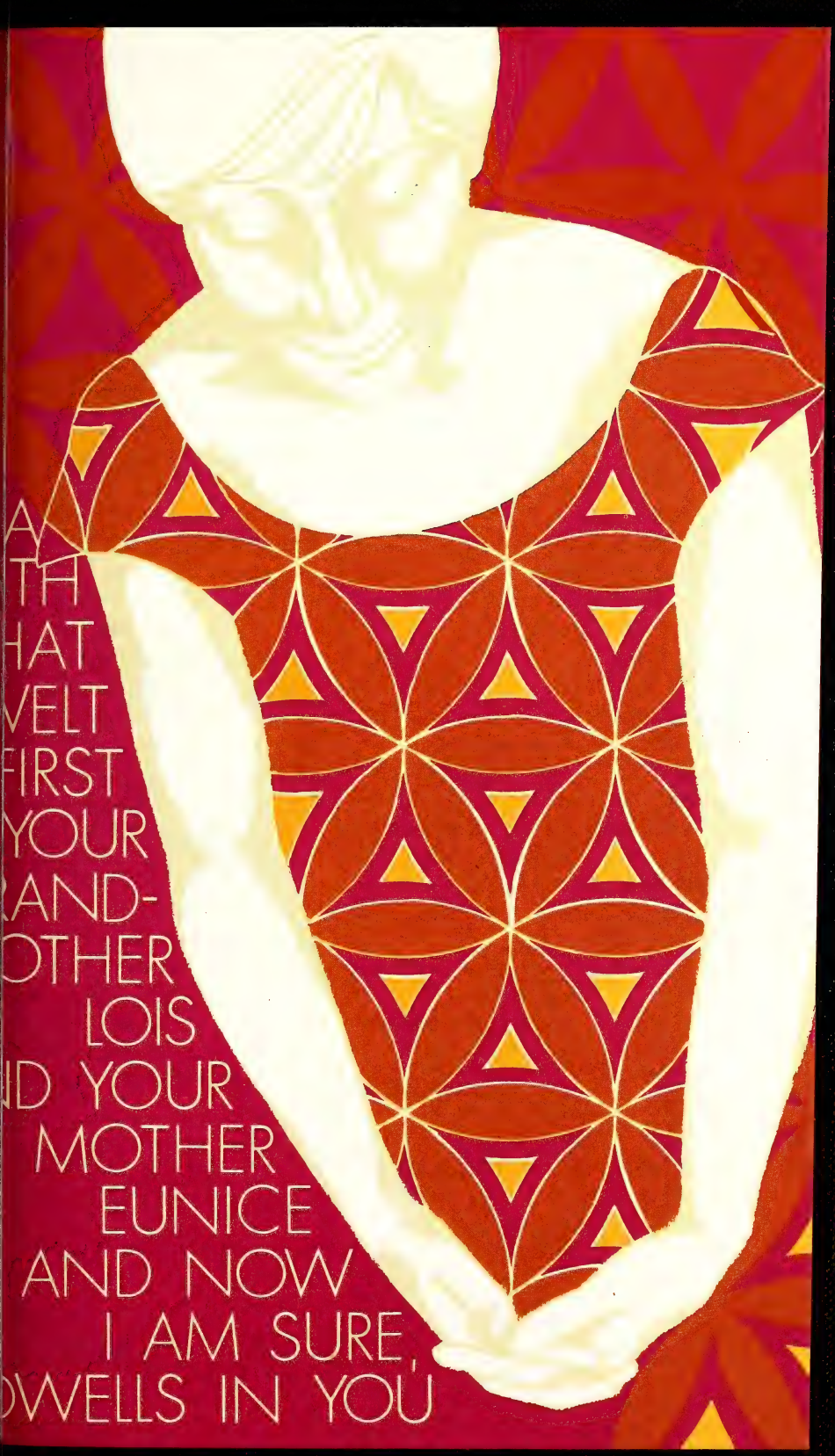
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ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
United Church of Christ
Elon College, North Carolina

Thomas R. Hamilton, Pastor Phone: 584-0391
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Mrs. Mary Alice Bragg, Director of Music
Stacy Dean and Kristin Wilkins, Acolytes

October 12, 1980 Laity Sunday 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Chorale in G Major Dupre

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship Ken Harper, Liturgist
Choral Introit Summer Ended, Harvest O'er
Prayer of Invocation
The Lord's Prayer (All uniting)
* Hymn 68 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

THE LIVING WORD Jill Bennett, Leader
Old Testament Reading Habakkuk 1:1-3, 2:1-4
New Testament Reading II Timothy 1:3-12
Anthem By the Waters of Babylon Young

THE WORD OF PRAYER
Silent Prayers of the People
The Prayer for the People

THE SPOKEN WORD
Period of Announcements
* Hymn 450 "These Things Shall Be"
Sermon 1. Visions for Tomorrow! Stacy Dean, Leader
World Peace Charles Wilkins
Youth Involvement Alan Young
Hunger Jeff Price
2. Actions for Today! William J. Andes

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD
Our Offerings
Offertory Blessed Jesu Bach
* Our Thanks The Doxology
* Our Prayer
* Our Hymn 366 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

OD'S BLESSINGS ON OUR LABORS
The Benediction
The Choral Response May the Grace of God the Father
The Postlude

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CORDIAL WELCOME is extended to all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the guest register in the narthex. Greeters of the Day are Mr. E. W. Brafford and Mr. Ken Clem.

HE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Hunter by the Family.

ODAY: 2:00 Deacon Visitations
7:00 Senior Hi Youth

UR PASTOR is escort for the Heritage Bus Tour which at this hour is at worship at First Plymouth UCC, Lincoln, Nebraska.

E EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION to Dr. William Andes, Mr. Ken Harper, Ms. Jill Bennett, Stacy Dean, Charles Wilkins, Alan Young and Jeff Price for leading our Service of Worship today.

HOTOGRAPHS are to be made Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week and Tuesday of next week for our Church Pictorial Directory. If you do not have an appointment, please sign up today.

UR SERVICES OF WORSHIP are broadcast over Radio Station WSOE, 89.3 on the FM dial.

LEASE SECURE from the narthex your statement of third quarter financial contributions.

HE CONGREGATION UNITES in expressing Christian Sympathy to the family of Mrs. Ruth Wicker Rogers. Mrs. Rogers passed away on October 9. A Memorial Service will be hald at the church at 2:00, Saturday, October 18. Interrment will be at Magnolia Cemetery.

HE CONGREGATION is invited to attend A Service of Dedication for the new Schantz Pipe Organ at St. Mark's Church this evening at 7:30. Miss Barbara Bennett, Church Organist, will present the Dedicatory Recital.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 12, 1980

2 TIMOTHY 1:3-12

Christianity is never more than a generation away from extinction. That statement by a former church leader is extreme. God is able even from stones to raise up witnesses—so the biblical testimony. But God does better with people than with stones. Take Timothy. He worked to found churches when the Christian movement first began. Where did he get the faith he helped to spread into Asia, Greece, and Rome? He got it from his grandmother Lois, his mother Eunice and his father-in-faith Paul. How well will we transmit the faith to coming generations?

FAMILY FARMING AND THE COMMON GOOD

Recently the Interreligious Taskforce on U.S. Food Policy, an agency that we support through a grant from the U.C.C. Hunger Action Fund, spoke out in behalf of the family farm. It did so in the following words: "The central moral question to be faced by those who formulate U.S. farm policy is: What types of farm policies will best serve the common good of both the American people and the entire global community?"

Support for the traditional family farm, according to the Taskforce, will:

- Help to assure efficient agricultural production.
- Reduce the possibility of monopolistic control over our food supply.
- Enhance the possibility of rural development and of stable rural communities.

The Taskforce recommends that the federal government prohibit those agribusiness corporations that receive assets from activities other than farming from directly engaging in agricultural production. It recommends further that the government limit the size of non-family farm corporations which engage solely in agricultural production.

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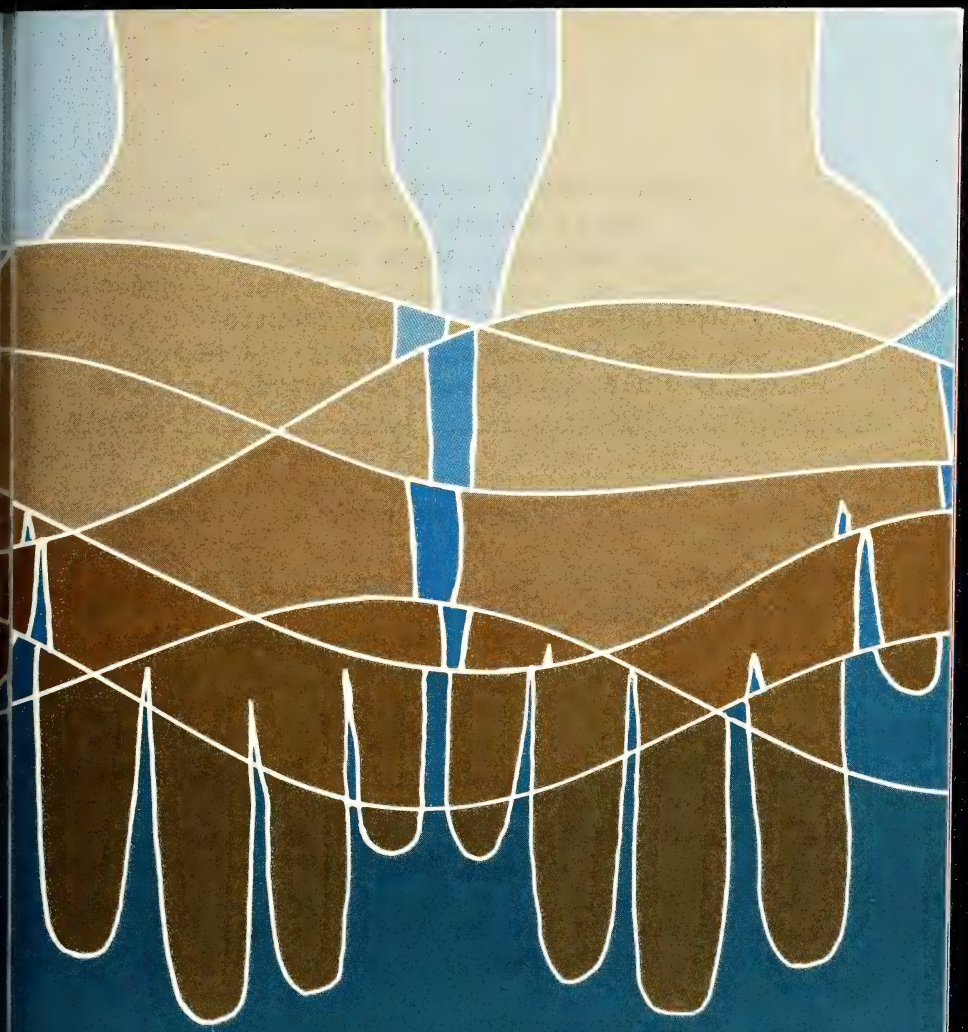

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October 19, 1980 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Sonata in c minor Mendelssohn

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship Jill Bennett
Choral Introit O Come, Let Us Sing Unto the Lord
Prayer of Invocation
The Lord's Prayer (all uniting)
* Hymn 433 "God of Our Fathers"

THE LIVING WORD Dennis Bailey
Old Testament Reading Psalm 25: 4-10
New Testament Reading John 8:31-36; 14:5-7, 15-17
Anthem Wir Danken Dir, Gott Bach

THE WORD OF PRAYER
Silent Prayers of the People
The Prayer for the People

THE SPOKEN WORD
Period of Announcements
* Hymn 333 "Father Almighty, Bless Us ..."
Sermon Freed by the Truth J. Earl Danieley

RESPONDING TO GOD's WORD
Our Offerings
Offertory Anthem Ain't Got Time to Die Johnson
Anthony Turner, tenor
* Our Thanks
* Our Prayer
* Our Hymn 365 "Faith of Our Fathers"

GOD'S BLESSINGS ON OUR LABORS

The Closing Prayer		
The Choral Response	Nunc Dimittis	Gretchaninoff
The Postlude	Caccia	Dello Joio

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended to all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the guest register in the narthex. We also welcome all parents of Elon College students who are worshipping with us today. Greeters of the Day are Mrs. Reggie McLelland and Dr. A. L. Hook.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in honor of Mrs. Pearl Harper by Mr. and Mrs. Ken Harper.

TODAY: 7:00 Senior Hi Youth
7:30 NYE Program
7:30 Christian Education Committee

THE SENIOR HI YOUTH invite the membership to join them for this evening's meeting. The program will be presented by Chris Vickers, Alan Young, and Ms. Jill Bennett on the National Youth Event held this summer at Carleton College.

ONE MORE EVENING is set aside for you to be photographed for our Church Pictorial Directory. The hours are 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday. Please sign on the narthex bulletin board.

THE BURLINGTON AREA Men's Fellowship meets Thursday evening at 7:00 at St. Mark's Church. Cars will leave the church parking lot at 6:30.

WE ARE PLEASED to have the Elon College Choir with us today. The choir is directed by Mr. James Glenn and accompanied by Mark Rumley.

THANKS TO Dr. J. Earl Danieley for leading our Service of Worship today.

OUR PASTOR is guest minister today at his home church in Massillon, Ohio. He and Mrs. Hamilton will return tomorrow morning.

CUB PACK 51 meets Thursday evening at 7:30 in the Parish House.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 19, 1980

2 KINGS 5:9-17

A Hebrew child is taken prisoner in war and made the servant of Naaman, commander of the enemy army. She learns that her captor is a leper. She urges him to seek help from the Hebrew prophet, Elisha. Naaman does what she suggests. Elisha invokes God's power and the Syrian washes and is healed. In this ancient story, God is envisioned as one who reigns not only in Canaan but throughout the earth. The story shines with early glimmer of an exalted vision of God. That vision came about because of simple trust and faithful testimony by a little Hebrew girl.

WORLD ORDER AND PEACE

Last year, a group of church leaders from the United States and the Soviet Union met in Geneva, Switzerland, and issued a Statement on Disarmament that urged Christians in both countries to repudiate the arms race and to obey the biblical injunction to "Choose Life" (Deuteronomy 30:19).

The Statement linked the issues of world peace and world hunger and noted that in 1978, when the nations of the world were spending more than one billion dollars per day on armaments, the World Health Organization had announced that a mere 83 million dollars a day could wipe out smallpox.

If the arms race were halted and our resources were rechanneled, feeding the hungry could come more readily within the realm of everyday reality. A 10 percent reduction in world military expenditure would free about $40 billion a year for programs that turn "swords into plowshares."

The conversion of military-related economic, technological, and human resources to peaceful production presents problems, but not insoluble ones. As Claire Randall, General Secretary of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., puts it: "There must indeed be greater personal commitment to the common good and to caring about our neighbors."

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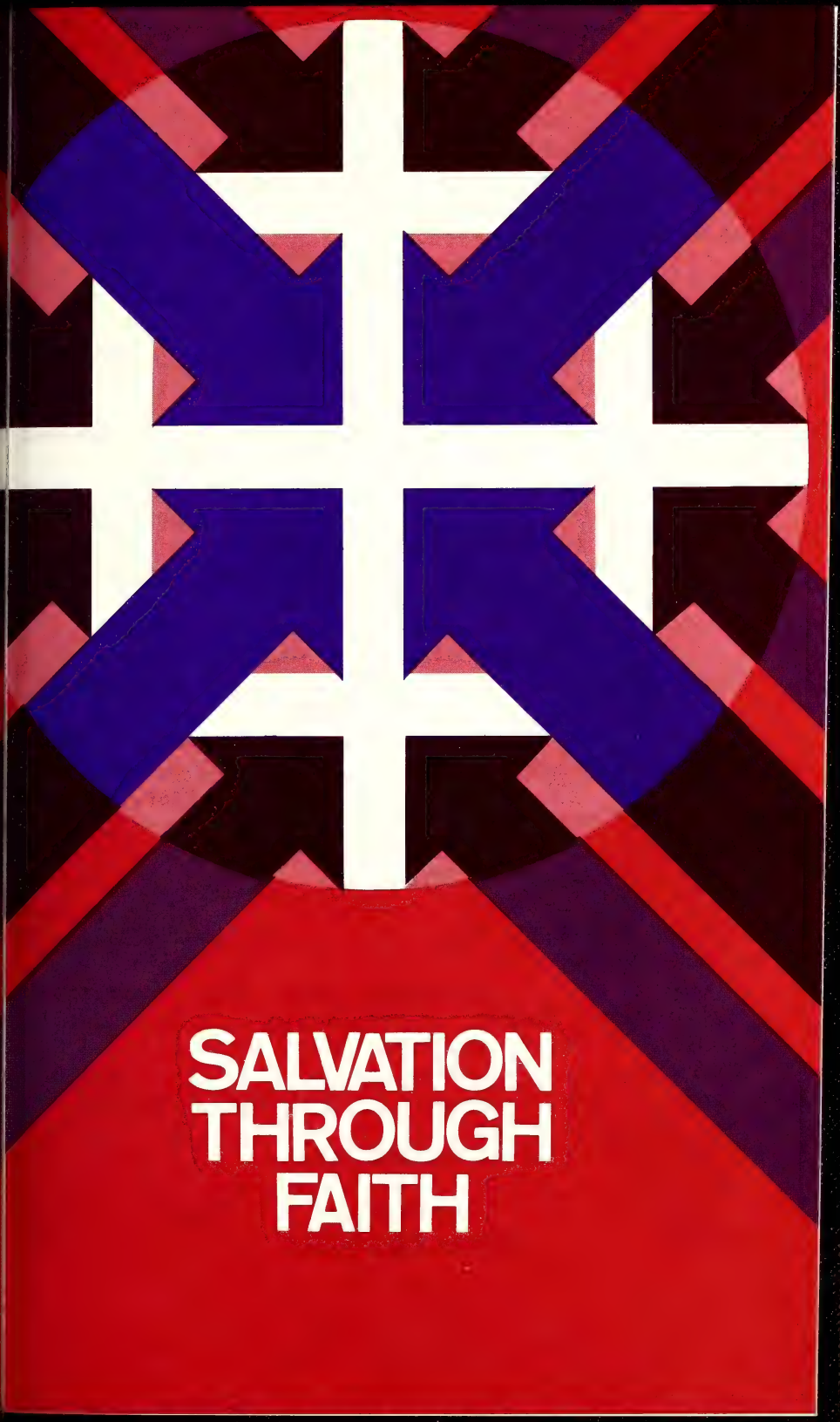
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October 26, 1980 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Ein Feste Burg S. Scheidt

PRAISE TO GOD

Pastor: How great are the works of the Lord who in wisdom has made them all.

People: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

Pastor: I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all the people.

People: I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the Lord.

Choirs: Tallis' Canon Combined Choirs

Prayer of Invocation and Lord's Prayer

* Hymn 22 "We Praise Thee, O God"

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

Part One Benevolent Giving

THE LIVING WORD OF SCRIPTURE

Psalter Reading 64 Psalm 8 p. 515

New Testament Reading II Timothy 3:14-4:2

THE WORD OF PRAYER

Hymn 520 "Almighty Father, Hear our Prayer"

The Pastor's Prayer for the People

THE GIFTS OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Praise to God Walther

* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own

* Dedication of Gifts

THE SPOKEN WORD OF INTERPRETATION

Welcome

Anthem Sine Nomine Vaughn Williams

Sermon <u>Always Protesting</u> Dr. Hamilton

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn 363 "A Mighty Fortress is our God"
* Benediction
* Congregational Response 29
"Now Thank We All Our God" (st. 1)

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Mr. John W. Barney, Jr. by Mrs. Gertrude T. Barney and Family.

THE FLOWERS are placed in the narthex to honor Philip G. Wilson and Sharon J. Johnston whose Service of Marriage was celebrated here yesterday.

PLEDGE CARDS were mailed this week to all our members. Our goal is to subscribe in full the proposed 1981 church budget. Please return your cards in the next two weeks. At your request, home visits will be made to explain any portion of the budget.

THANKS to all who came to be photographed for our Church Pictorial Directory. Pictures of students, military personnel, or shut-ins may still be included if you will provide the pictures by November 7.

THE SENIOR HI YOUTH will meet this evening at 6:00 to go putt-putting.

CONGRATULATIONS to Grandparents Judge and Mrs. D. Marsh McLelland upon the birth of Andrew Stephen Edgerton on October 20.

DEVOTIONAL GUIDES for November-December are available in the narthex.

THE THRIFT SHOP will be open to the public on Saturday at 10:30 a.m.

ARTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 26, 1980

2 TIMOTHY 3:14-4:2

The seven last words of many dying churches are, "We never did it that way before." The dead weight of dead tradition—what can be deadlier? So Jesus tells us, "No one puts new wine into old skins." The gospel, when vital, is like new wine. But flexibility needs to be balanced by fidelity. Thus, G. K. Chesterton urged us to count headstones as well as heads, and the philosopher Whitehead advised us to preserve order amid change. Is this why we are called to find salvation through faith in that conservative radical, Jesus Christ?

PROTEST MOVEMENT

You are a part of a protest movement! Does that surprise you? It's true; you are a part of a protest movement called the Protestant Reformation that is dated from 1517, the year when Martin Luther nailed the Ninety-Five Theses to the cathedral door in Wittenberg, Germany—a challenge to the established Church. The Reformation split the Western Church into two camps: Catholic and Protestant.

"We tend to think of 'protest' as being negative, against something," writes Pastor Allen Marheine in a new handbook for church members. "The development of the word Protestant does have its negative side—applied to both parties of the Reformation. But it is significant to examine the positive force of the word and its derivation.

"PRO-TEST. 'Pro' connotes positiveness. One who is *pro* is for something: A pro-American is *for* America. 'Test' is from the Latin root that forms 'testify.' To testify means to speak the truth as one knows it and believes it. A Protestant, then, is one who *speaks for the truth,* who testifies in a positive way for a particular stand or belief.

"For most Protestants today, as for the early Reformers, such beliefs include: justification by faith, the freedom and vocation of the Christian, the priesthood of all believers, and the sufficiency of the Bible."

This message was prepared for joint use by the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the Presbyterian Church, U.S., the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., and the United Church of Christ.

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November 2, 1980 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Holy Father, Have Mercy On Us Bach

PRAISE TO GOD

Pastor: Great and wonderful are the deeds of the Lor
God, the Almighty.

People: Just and true are his ways, for he is King o
all ages.

Pastor: Who shall not fear and glorify the name of t
Lord who alone is holy?

People: All nations shall be gathered as one and he
who sits upon the throne will shelter them
with his presence.

Choir: We Come Unto Our Father's God

Prayer of Invocation and Lord's Prayer

* Hymn 246 "Come, Thou Almighty King"

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

Part Two Current Giving

THE LIVING WORD OF SCRIPTURE

Psalter Reading 60 Psalm 23 p. 518

New Testament Reading Luke 18:9-14

THE WORD OF PRAYER

Hymn 520 "Almighty Father, Hear our Prayer"

The Pastor's Prayer for the People

THE GIFTS OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Andante Cantabile Frank

* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own

* Dedication of Gifts

THE SPOKEN WORD OF INTERPRETATION

Welcome

Anthem Amazing Grace K. K. Davis

Sermon Each Went to Pray, but . . Dr. Hamilton

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn 375 "Lead On, O King Eternal"
* Benediction
* Choral Response God Be With You

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Dr. G. Alvin Noah by Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Dixon.

TODAY: 6:00 Senior Hi Youth Cook-out at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Price
7:30 Board of Deacons

CIRCLES of the Women's Fellowship meet this week as announced in "The Torch".

TUESDAY is Election Day. We urge your participation in the electoral process. Vote.

OUR PASTOR will lead the Chapel Service in Elon College's Mooney Building on Thursday morning at 9:30. You are invited to attend.

PLEASE COME this week to select your proofs for the Pictorial Directory. Hostesses will be in a downstairs classroom Tuesday through Friday from 1:00 to 8:00 p.m.

PLEDGES for our 1981 Proposed Church Budget are coming in nicely. Please bring or send yours also by next Sunday. At your request, home visits will be made to explain any portion of the budget.

AN EXPLORATORY CLASS for new members begins November 16. Please indicate your interest to the Pastor.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. A. L. Rich who celebrates today his 97th birthday.

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY, sponsored by Church Women United, will be held Friday at 10:00 a.m. at Blessed Sacrament Church.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 2, 1980

DEUTERONOMY 10:16-22

The writer of Deuteronomy puts us in the shoes of people who are:

- Uprooted, and yearn for roots.
- Foreigners, and aspire to be accepted as neighbors.
- Estranged, and long for the familiar and the familial.
- Homeless, and hunger for a home.

"Help to end alienation," is the Deuteronomist's call. Jesus echoes it. "Receive strangers as sisters and brothers," says Jesus, "and thus you welcome me." Who is alien to you? Hispanics? Blacks? Caucasians? Catholics? Jews? The divorced? The poor? How will you deal with that alienation?

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD'S KINGDOM

"We are called in Christ to share with men and women, personally and collectively, the good news of God's kingdom. We are sent to call them to enter into this new order of life through faith in Christ and his gospel.

"At the same time, we are sent to proclaim, in word and deed, the good news of this new order of life in the multitudinous structures of society—family and government, business and neighborhood, religion and education . . . . In doing so, we must stand as Christ did, in solidarity with the poor and the oppressed. Further, we must engage actively in their struggle for life and fulfillment. No dichotomies here: not a vertical vs. a horizontal emphasis on mission; not redemption vs. humanization—but a holistic vision of God's mission to the world and the church's role in it."

Orlando E. Costas
Missionary to Latin America,
United Church Board for World Ministries
as quoted in *Money for the Church's Ministries*,
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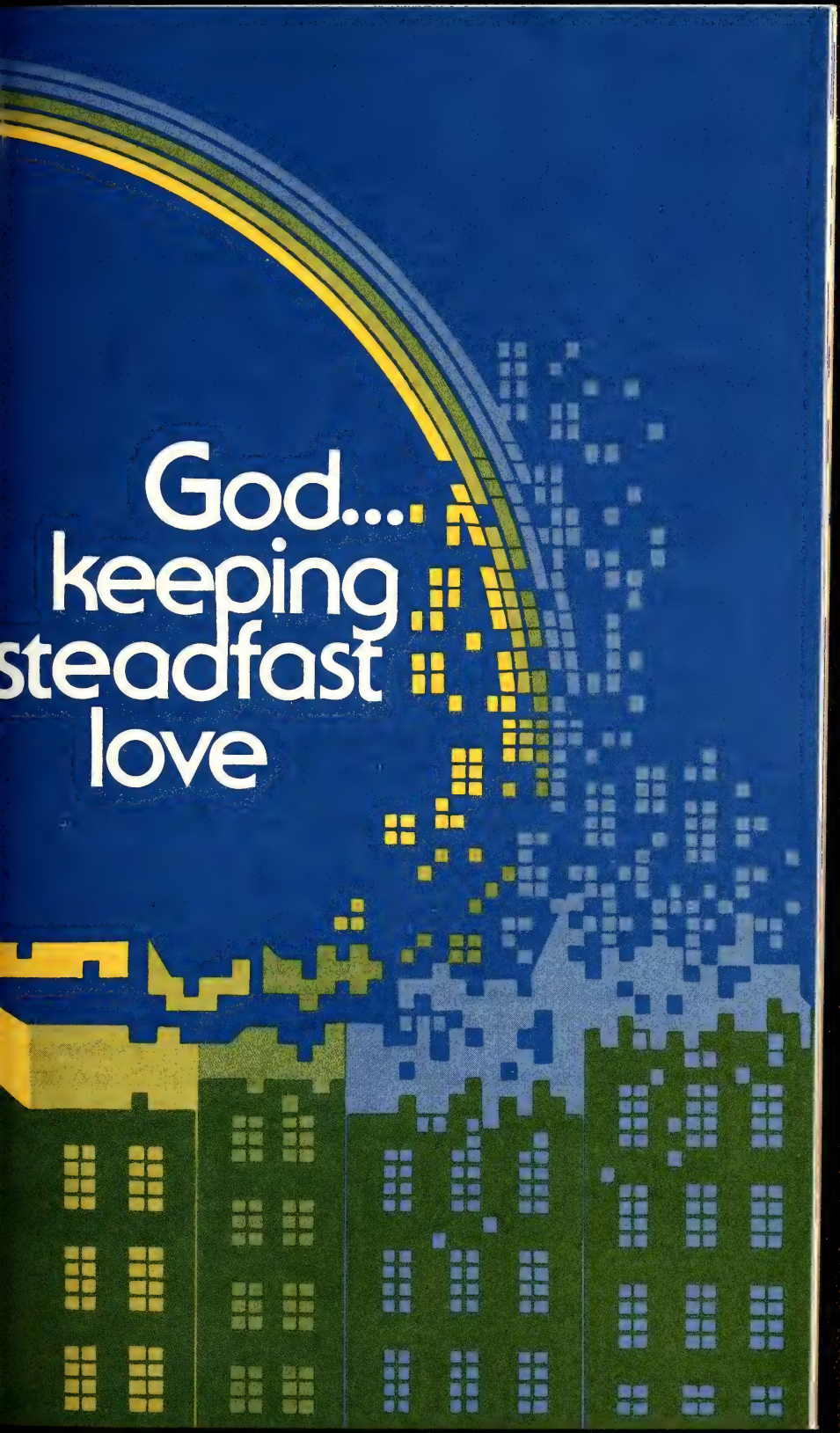

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November 9, 1980 11:00 a. m.

PRELUDE Priere Jongen

PRAISE TO GOD

Pastor: God has made a covenant with us. He is our God and we are his people.

People: Let us, like Abraham, put our trust in him. He will lead and care for us as we venture into unknown tomorrows.

Pastor: Together let us worship God.

Choir: How Lovely is thy Dwelling Place

Prayer of Invocation and Lord's Prayer

* Hymn 267 "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

Part Three Building Fund Giving

THE LIVING WORD OF SCRIPTURE

Unison Reading 120 Isaiah 55 p. 543

New Testament Reading Luke 19:1-10

THE WORD OF PRAYER

Hymn 520 "Almighty Father, Hear our Prayer"

The Pastor's Prayer for the People

THE GIFTS OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Chaconne Froberger

* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own

* Dedication of Gifts

THE SPOKEN WORD OF INTERPRETATION

Welcome

Anthem The Lord will come and not be slow Peek

Sermon <u>This (and more) for That</u> Dr. Hamilton

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn 202 "Jesus Shall Reign"

Benediction

Choral Response The Doxology

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THE ALTAR ARRANGEMENT is given to the Glory of God by Dr. and Mrs. James Moncure.

TODAY: 2:00 - Officers of Men's Fellowship
3:00 - Canvassers meet for Phonathon
7:00 - Senior Hi Youth
7:00 - Music Committee

THANKS to all who have been participating in the Pictorial Directory project. Tomorrow is the final day to select proofs. Hostesses will be in the Gregory Library tomorrow from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to assist you.

THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE meets Tuesday evening at 7:00 in the Gregory Library.

THE ELON MEN, our local men's fellowship, meets Tuesday evening at 6:30 at McMillan's Mall Restaurant. Cars will leave the parking lot at 6:30.

PLEDGES are still being received toward our proposed 1981 church budget. So far, 90 families have submitted pledges. Our Canvass Committee under the chairmanship of John Gerlach meets today to begin a Phonathon to the remaining families. They seek the full participation of the congregation.

AN EXPLORATORY CLASS for new members begins next Sunday at 10:00 in the Gregory Library. We invite our visitors to unite with us as members of this congregation.

ARTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 9, 1980

EXODUS 34:5-9

Here is Moses, the second time around. The first time, God had given the tables of the law. Then came the frustrating business that drove Moses to hurl those stone tablets at the golden calf his compatriots had made. Amazingly now, God still was there, keeping steadfast love and starting over, in spite of this people's thoroughgoing humanity. And three thousand years later, there is still that human waywardness—and thoroughgoing divinity. There is a steadfast love that forgives sin and works to equip us for God's reign in the life of this world.

RECEIVE GRATEFULLY, GIVE GENEROUSLY!

"Religion is, first, an open hand to receive a gift and an acting hand to distribute gifts." This observation from Paul Tillich, one of the twentieth century's leading theologians, is certainly descriptive of the faith of Christians.

We receive from the Creator the gifts of creation and of redemption, "grace upon grace." Out of gratitude, we use those gifts and we share them, as "stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Peter 4:10).

The needs of one's family and one's neighbors have always been high on the list of a Christian's obligations. Now, our neighborhood includes the whole planet, and our stewarding of God's varied grace has global implications.

For the Christian, the church is a ready-made network of communication and service for enacting the gospel in word and deed from the local neighborhood to the global neighborhood. Through the church the Christian's giving can minister to human need in thousands of places *simultaneously.*

How shall we give? Few of us give as sacrificially as did the widow who gave her mite, who gave all that she had, nor as elatedly as Zacchaeus, who resolved to give half of his property to the poor. But will it be as timidly as those who are fearful that they will be deprived of essentials if they give away as much as one tenth of their income? Or will it be as generously as those who have discovered that items once considered necessities are not even missed when they are given up as extravagances?

Receive gratefully, give generously!

Theodore S. Horvath
Associate Director,
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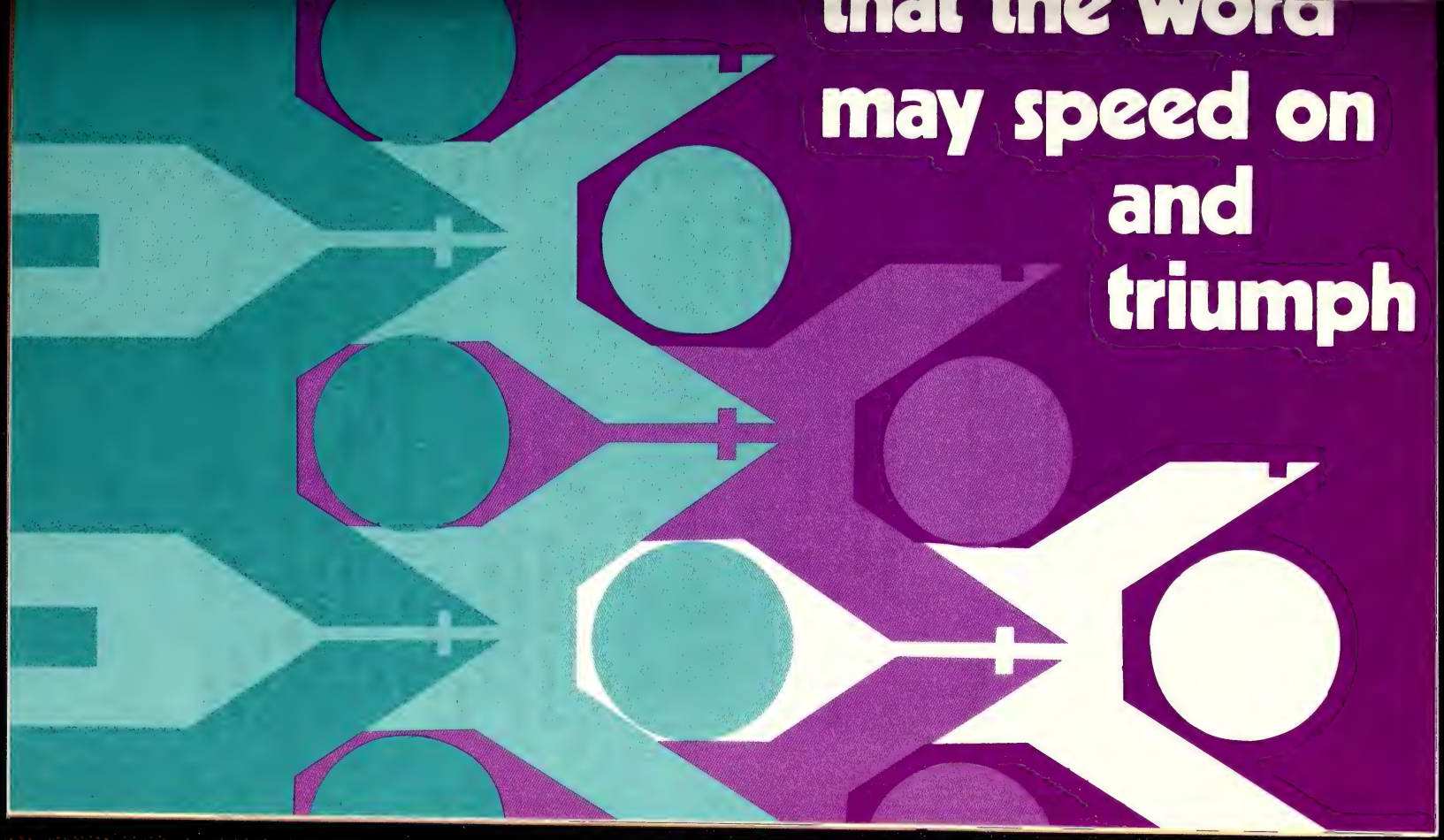
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PRELUDE Prelude and Fugue in a minor Bach

PRAISE TO GOD

Pastor: Behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, says the Lord;

People: And the former things shall not be remembere or come into mind.

Pastor: Be glad, therefore, and rejoice in that which I create, says the Lord

Choir: My God, I Thank Thee

Prayer of Invocation and Lord's Prayer

* Hymn 1 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

THE LIVING WORD OF SCRIPTURE

Unison Reading 130 Romans 8 p. 546

New Testament Reading Luke 20:27-40

THE WORD OF PRAYER

Hymn 524 "Lead Me, Lord"

The Pastor's Prayer for the People

THE GIFTS OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Berceuse Dupre

* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own

* Dedication of Gifts

THE SPOKEN WORD OF INTERPRETATION

Welcome

Anthem Make A Joyful Noise arr. V. Nelhybel

Sermon Sorrow and Certainty Dr. Hamilton

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn 372		"How Firm A Foundation"
* Benediction		
* Choral Response		The Doxology
Postlude	Antiphon	Young

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Miss Caroline Powell.

TODAY: 7:00 - Senior Hi Youth
7:00 - Christian Education Committee

AN EXPLORATORY CLASS for new members began this morning. Others are welcome to join us next Sunday at 10:00 in the Gregory Library.

MEALS-ON-WHEELS are delivered Monday through Friday of this week by our members.

THE FUN CLUB will hold a covered-dish luncheon on Tuesday at 12:00 in the Updyke Choral Center.

OFFERING ENVELOPES for our annual appeal for the Elon Home for Children are available in the narthex. Our goal is to contribute $450.

THE CONGREGATION UNITES in expressing Christian Sympathy to the Family upon the death of Dr. William J. Elzey on November 11 in Lexington, Kentucky.

NEXT SUNDAY the Sacrament of Holy Baptism will be celebrated. Following the Service, the Outreach Committee will host a coffee and refreshment period.

HOSPITALIZED: Mrs. W. C. Perry, Jr. at Memorial.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held December 7 following our Service of Worship to elect officers and to act on the proposed budget.

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 16, 1980

2 THESSALONIANS 2:16-3:5

Why should the word "speed on and triumph"? Do personal pride and ecclesiastical imperialism inspire us to extend its domain? Is it so "our" religion will "win"? Often, it was local pride that motivated one medieval town to build a bigger cathedral than the next. But that misses what the word is about: the mystery of God's "eternal comfort and good hope." We can miss that mystery, raising higher spires and bigger budgets. Or, we can let the mystery grasp us and be zealous to symbolize it with sanctuaries, spread it by word, and enact it in life.

A MINISTRY YOU MAKE POSSIBLE

A year ago, our group of college students and American health-care professionals worked with Church World Service personnel and local villagers to erect a new church in a village destroyed by Hurricane Fifi and to provide medical and dental care to the people who lived in the area. On our last evening together, we joined with our friends from the Honduran village of Chachaguala in the walk up the hill to the new church—doctor and patient, college volunteer and local craftsman, local pastor and university chaplain—all one in Christ Jesus. We sat on the sandy floor of the unfinished structure, admired the blocks and rafters we had labored so hard to put in place, and sang hymns, prayed, and received the sacrament of the Lord's Table.

Then a little girl reached up and hugged an American college girl, a man with no teeth (and no pain) embraced the dentist, and, in a moment so spontaneous one was reminded of the first Pentecost, we praised God and rejoiced with our sisters and brothers.

More and more college students are serving Christ and his church around the world.

Fred Lamar
Chaplain, DePauw University.

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November 23, 1980 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Suite for Organ Jean Langlais
Et in Terra Pax, Benedicimus Te

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship Psalm 100
Choral Introit O My Soul, Bless God the Father
Prayer of Invocation (in unison)
Lord Jesus, as you have come from the Father and have returned to him again, bring us to the Father also that in him we may find our salvation and pea
The Lord's Prayer
* Hymn 461 "Come, Ye Thankful People Come"

THE LIVING WORD
Old Testament Reading Psalm 65:5-13
New Testament Reading James 1:17, 18
The Sacrament of Baptism
The Statement of Faith
* Hymn 277 "Jesus, Friend, So Kind and Gentle"
The Anthem Sing to the Lord of Harvest Willan
Combined Choirs

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Pastor's Prayer for the People

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Christe, du Lamm Gottes Karg-Elert
* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome
Sermon Hearty Thanks Dr. Hamilton

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn 438 "O God, Beneath Thy Guiding Hand"
* Benediction
* Choral Response All Things Bright and Beautiful
* Postlude Nun danket alle Gott Karg-Elert

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended to all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the guest register in the narthex. Greeters of the Day are Mr. Ken Clem and Mr. Ken Harper.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Dr. John G. Truitt, Sr. and in honor of Mrs. Truitt by Mr. and Mrs. J. Mark McAdams.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM is administered today to Matthew Ryan Mayse, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Mayse, and to Margaret Elizabeth Wilkins, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Jeff Wilkins.

TODAY: 7:00 - Senior Hi Youth
7:00 - Finance Committee

OFFERING ENVELOPES for our annual appeal for the Elon Home for Children are available in the narthex. Our goal is to contribute $450.

AN EXPLORATORY CLASS for new members will meet again next Sunday at 10:00 in the Gregory Library.

A COVERED DISH Family Night will be held next Sunday evening at 6:00 in the Parish House.

HOSPITALIZED: Mrs. A. L. Rich at Memorial; Mr. Paul Everette, Jr. in Augusta, Georgia.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held December 7 following our Service of Worship to elect officers and to act on the proposed budget.

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 23, 1980

LUKE 21:5-19

For most of us, winter is here. We face—what? The high cost of heat, power, and warm clothes? Dull gray days and long bitter nights? Going out in the cold dark to get to work and coming home in the dark cold? Or having no work to go to? As the sun sinks toward its lowest point in the sky, do your spirits also sink? Better than any Bible interpreter, you know how it is for you. Does Luke help you when he writes to friends whose souls are being tested? And is it your best response to find in Christian faith the power to hang on and to endure?

OUR CONFIDENCE AND THANKSGIVING

Upheaval and desolation! Standing with the crowd in the temple, Jesus spoke of the destruction that was to come to the temple, to the very center of their worship and tradition. The temple was indeed destroyed in 70 A.D. Stone was torn from stone. But the temple did not contain the God they were to worship. Their faithfulness—and ours—is to the call beyond structure and organization to the compelling voice of the living God.

The same Christ who promised "a mouth and wisdom" to the disciples that day in Jerusalem is faithful to his promise as his followers face change and upheaval. Around the world, while stones of security are torn apart, Christians stand firm, their courageous witness strengthening our own. Under pressure in 1975, Professor Lee Oo Jung resigned her teaching position and continued her risk-taking work through Church Women United in Seoul. It was she who read aloud from the steps of the cathedral a "Declaration for Democracy and National Salvation." Arrest, interrogation, trial, and imprisonment followed her act of obedience to God.

The Apostle Peter writes of Jesus as the "living stone" and of the people of God being "built into a spiritual house." This is our confidence and thanksgiving!

Sara B. Moseley
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They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

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November 30, 1980 First Sunday in Advent 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus arr.Johnson

Lighting The Advent Candle

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. Lift up your eyes round about, and see.

People: Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will enter to praise the Lord.

Solo: How Shall I Meet My Savior? Leinbach
(Peggy Lackey, Soprano)

INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN 446 "God the Omnipotent"

OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus 4:2-5
Isaiah 2:1-5

NEW TESTAMENT READING Ephesians 1:3-10

ANTHEM SOLO Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus Cassel
(Peggy Lackey, Soprano)

SERVICE OF PRAYER

The Pastor's Prayer for the People

THE OFFERING

Offertory O Come, O Come, Emmanuel arr. G. Young

* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own

* Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn 448 "Thy Kingdom Come, O Lord"

SERMON What is in Your Hand? Dr. Hamilton

*HYMN 228 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

*BENEDICTION

* Congregational Response The Doxology

* Postlude Walther

Wake, Awake for Night Is Falling

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Sam Shomaker in memory of her father, Mr. E. T. Murray, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Shomaker.

THE ADVENT DOOR WREATHS are given to the Glory of God by the Kittenger Family.

FAMILY NIGHT is this evening at 6:00 in the Parish House. You are asked to bring your favorite covered dish(es). Beverage and table service will be provided.

THE BOARD OF DEACONS will meet briefly near the pulpit following the Service of Worship today.

THE CONGREGATION UNITES in expressing Christian Sympathy to Dr. and Mrs. Fred Watts upon the death of his father.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will follow our Service of Worship next Sunday. Action will be taken on the Proposed Budget and the Report of the Nominating Committee

NEW MEMBERS will be received next Sunday. Those who are interested at this time are urged to consult with the Pastor.

OUR SERVICES OF WORSHIP are broadcast each Sunday over Elon College Radio Station WSOE, 89.3 on the FM dial.

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

NOVEMBER 30, 1980
ISAIAH 2:1-5

What shall we say as we begin our Advent celebration
And look to God who comes to us with judging proclamation?
A world so full of darkness and the pain of human strife
Cannot just sentimentalize the God of light and life.

God comes to judge licentiousness and our cupidity,
Our armaments and missiles and our crass stupidity
That thinks we can establish peace by massive tools of war,
By threatening one another with destruction more and more.

God comes to judge the nations and their mass technology
That's coupled with self-centered fear and hate-psychology,
That builds with billions ever bigger weapons which do roar
And rob us of compassion which can feed the hungry poor.

God comes to judge the blindness of our hurtful denigration
Of the earth and its resources and our sinful exploitation,
That thinks the earth belongs to us to use as we may please
And forgets that we are stewards of the God who heals disease.

But judgment is the other side of God's gift of salvation,
That does not want to kill us nor to see our devastation.
God comes to take away our own debauchery and blight
And in the Christ our Savior brings the armor of God's light.

God comes to beat our swords and spears of terrible destruction
Into the plows and pruning hooks of peaceful reconstruction.
The nations then shall never lift their swordblades anymore,
And we shall never have again to study and wage war.

So let us open wide our hearts for Christ's own coronation
To reign in us and come to us with reconciliation;
For then he can dispel the darkness of our human night
And we can truly celebrate the joy of Advent's light.

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The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid, and the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.

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December 7, 1980 Second Sunday in Advent 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Noel Suisse Daquin

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting The Advent Candle

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Dollar

Leader: Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

People: And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it . . .

Choir: Creator of the Stars of Night

INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN 110 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

* The Statement of Faith
* Welcome to the Church p. 497

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 11:1-10

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 3:1-11

ANTHEM Let Man Exult with Heart and Voice Beethoven

SERVICE OF PRAYER

The Pastor's Prayer for the People

THE OFFERING

Offertory Solo No Lullaby Need Mary Sing Clokey
(Mary Anne Johnston, Soprano)

* Cong. Resp. 125 Good Christian Men Rejoice (st.1)
* Prayer of Dedication
SERMON A Root Out of Dry Ground Dr. Hamilton

*HYMN 114 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

*BENEDICTION
* Congregational Response The Doxology
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
* Postlude Carillon Young

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Captain Joe Stuart Burchfield by Lt. Col. and Mrs. Dariel Burchfield.

OUR LITURGIST today is the Rev. Mr. J. C. Dollar, Associate Executive Director of the Elon Home for Children and a member of this congregation.

TODAY: 4:00 - Executive Board of the Women's Fellowship
7:00 - Senior Hi Youth
7:30 - Board of Deacons
8:00 - Presentation of Handel's "Messiah"

NEW MEMBERS received today are Dr. and Mrs. Martin Shotzberger by Letter of Transfer.

A BUSINESS MEETING of the Congregation follows the Service of Worship. The report of the Nominating Committee is to be considered along with action on the proposed 1981 Church Budget.

FAMILY NIGHT is tomorrow evening at 6:30 in the Parish House. Please bring a covered dish(es). The speaker will be the Rev. Timothy Bird, Pastor of the East Burlington Presbyterian Church.

HOSPITALIZED: Mrs. J. Mark McAdams at Cone.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 7, 1980

ISAIAH 11:1-10

In *West Side Story,* the song "Something's Coming and It's Gonna Be Good" rises wistfully above poverty, gang warfare, and the frustrated yearning of young people who live in a city slum. Hebrew prophets knew hope like that. When Israel was corrupt and soon would collapse under the hammer of alien armies, Isaiah foresaw a coming age, harmonious and secure. Even nature would be transformed, being no longer "red in tooth and claw" but a "peaceable kingdom." Advent summons us to hope and work so that our chaotic and unsure world can know such a peace.

BY ALL THE SAINTS . . . FOR SOME

Some congregations of the United Church of Christ, like those of many other denominations, bear the name of individual "saints," pious people of an earlier age. In at least one U.C.C. congregation, the pastor frequently refers to her flock as "the saints!" Clearly, the early church used the term "saint" to characterize the Christian life to which each one of us is called.

In this season, the Pension Boards of the United Church of Christ ask us especially to remember some of the "saints," retired ministers and their spouses, who have given leadership to the church for a full generation and who now may be in some special need of a small financial Christmas remembrance. The Pension Boards' Christmas Fund provides such gifts as recommended by the U.C.C. conferences. In addition, the Christmas Fund enables our Board for Ministerial Assistance to respond when active or retired U.C.C. clergy or their families have some unexpected financial need.

The Christmas Fund is a way in which *all* the saints of the church can be of special help to *some* of the saints of the church, though their names may never be officially designated for sainthood!

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Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped, then shall the lame man leap like a hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing for joy.

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December 14, 1980 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Now Sing We, Now Rejoice — J. S. Bach
Of the Father's Love Begotten — Lenel
Adeste, Fideles — R. Moser

CALL TO WORSHIP

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*PROCESSIONAL 8 "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

*UNISON PRAYER: May the words of our mouths, the meditations of our hearts, the sighings of our spirits, and the songs of our souls be acceptable in the sight of the Lord, our strength and our redeemer. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lighting the Advent Candles

FIRST LESSON — Genesis 3:8-15
Carol Adam Lay YBouden — B. Ord

SECOND LESSON — Genesis 22:15-18
Cong. Hymn 328 "The Lord is Rich and Merciful"

THIRD LESSON — Isaiah 9:2-11
Solo Zion Hears the Watchmen's Voices — J. S. Bach
(Denise Joines, Soprano)

FOURTH LESSON — Isaiah 11:1-9
Pastoral Prayer
Offertory Noel for the Flute Stops — D'aquin

FIFTH LESSON — Luke 1:26-38
Carol Hail! Blessed Virgin Mary — Italian Carol

SIXTH LESSON — Luke 2:1-7
Carol Ah, Bleak and Chill the Wintry Wind — A. Burt

SEVENTH LESSON — Luke 2:8-16
Carols Andrew Mine, Jasper Mine — Moravian
Caroling, Caroling — A. Burt

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THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM will be celebrated next Sunday. Please make arrangements with the Pastor by tomorrow.

THE CONGREGATION is invited to attend the Children's Christmas Program next Sunday evening at 6:00. About 6:45 we all will go caroling in the community and then return to the church for refreshments.

THOSE WHO WISH to place poinsettias in the chancel should contact the church office. We are asking that the poinsettias be here for next Sunday and remain for the Christmas Eve Service.

A NEW YEAR'S EVE celebration is being planned by our Men's Fellowship for all ages. We hope your family will come, 9:00 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

ARTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

CHRISTMAS CHEER

The Women's Fellowship is collecting canned or non-perishable foods for several Christmas Cheer families. Clothing is also needed in the following sizes:

Men's Sizes - Shirt: 14½; pants: W 30, L 32; W 34, L 31; shoes: 8½ and 9½

Women's Sizes - Dress: 12-14, 22½; shoes: 8½-9,10,8

Girls - Dress: 11-12, 10; shoes: 2½, 7½, 3½, 10; Child's shoe: 9 (ages - girls: 4, 7, 8, 16)

Please bring any items to the church office by Friday morning, December 19.

EIGHTH LESSON — Matthew 2:1-11

Carols — All on a Christmas Morning — A. Burt

Lullaby, Gentle Wind — E. Butler

NINTH LESSON — John 1:1-14

Cong. Carol 120 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

BENEDICTION

Choral Response — We'll Dress the House — A. Burt

POSTLUDE — Christians, Awake, Salute the Happy Morning — Metzger

*Indicates when the congregation stands.

ADULT CHOIR

Sopranos	Altos
Gertrude Barney	Carey Andes
Lois Bost	Winifred Barney
Sara Dodson	Melva Foster
Betty Fogleman	Jane Hamilton
Mary Ann Johnston	Joy Hamilton
Denise Joines	
Peggy Lackey	

Tenors	Basses
Wes Alexander	George Edwards
Dave Bragg	Leslie Johnston
Paul Cheek	Barry Oxford
Bill Ellis	Louis Wilkins

YOUTH CHOIR

John Barbee	Mark Mahaffey
Lee Blanchard	Ashley Prevatte
Cris Bragg	Trip Walker
Carter Gerlach	Kristen Wilkins
Laura Mahaffey	

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Mr. S. L. Allen by Mrs. S. L. Allen and family.

TODAY: 7:00 - Senior Hi Youth

7:30 - Adult Choir Party at Braggs

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 14, 1980

ISAIAH 35:1-6; 10

The Advent hope of being healed is not merely an ancient longing. It is a present reality. The long-awaited Messiah has come to human life. Once blind to the hurt, hunger, and hampered existence of others, now our eyes are opened by Christ to see the neighbor and the neighbor's need. Once crippled by distrust, we limped through the years. Now, we have a confidence in God that makes our eager spirits go leaping along the way to the future. Once we were mute with despair over this world and ourselves in it. Now, comes Christ with reason to hope and to sing for joy.

NEW JOY

In Warwick, Rhode Island, blind eyes are being opened to see the community's needs. Deaf ears are being unstopped to hear the cries of the poor. Physically-handicapped young people from all parts of the city are being welcomed to its Oakland Beach area to work for older persons and others in need of assistance. And people in Oakland Beach who never paid much attention to the church are now talking about the church as a people who care, care deeply about others. And there is joy!

In a unique example of cooperation, the members of the Oakland Beach Congregational United Church of Christ, led by their pastor Alfred Colby, and members of St. Rita's Roman Catholic Church just across the street several years ago initiated a community organization called JONAH, Inc. (The acronym stands for Join Our Neighborhood And Help.)

JONAH, Inc. has been designated by Warwick's mayor as the clearinghouse for community development in Oakland Beach. Because it is both non-profit and tax-exempt, JONAH, Inc. has proved to be an acceptable and useful channel for government funds intended for community programs. While JONAH, Inc. now includes community-wide participation and support, its church sponsorship has resulted in a continuing quality of Christian concern and caring that pervades its various services and ministries—a continuing quality of love that brings a song of joy.

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Behold, a young woman shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

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December 21, 1980 Fourth Sunday in Advent 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE On This Bright and Glorious Morn Nevins
Welcome and Announcements
Lighting The Advent Candles

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Not how so much, but that God would come in the flesh at all, is the miracle.

People: Still he came, vulnerable as love, wrapped in the humility of humankind.

Pastor: The news from Bethlehem is good!

Choir O Thou Joyful Traditional

INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN 132 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

* The Statement of Faith

Carol 137 "Away in a Manger"

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE Isaiah 7:10-15
Matthew 1:18-23

ANTHEM Sing Gloria K. K. Davis

SERVICE OF PRAYER

The Pastor's Prayer for the People

THE OFFERING

Offertory Anthem A New Year Carol Britten

* Cong. Resp. 125 Good Christian Men Rejoice (st.2)

* Prayer of Dedication

SERMON The Christmas Name Dr. Hamilton

*HYMN 129 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

POINSETTIAS are placed in the chancel to the Glory of God:

in memory of John W. Barney, Jr.
by the Family.

in memory of Lewis R. Drumm
by Mrs. Drumm.

in memory of Janet Loy Faulkner
by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Loy and Family

in memory of Mrs. Sam E. Foster
by Sara Dodson and Melva Foster

in honor of their mothers
by Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Hamilton.

in memory of W. C. Perry, Jr.
by the Family.

*BENEDICTION
* Cong. Response 116 "Angels We Have Heard" (st.3)
*POSTLUDE Glory to God Pachelbel

*Indicates when the congregation stands

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THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM is administered to Heather Denise Jordan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Jordan, Brian Stewart Oxford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Barry Oxford, and Ashley Nicole Oxford, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Gerry Oxford.

A TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM is presented this evening at six o'clock as a gift from the church school classes to the membership. You are urged to attend.

YOUTH AND ADULTS, all who wish to participate, will gather this evening at 6:45 to "carol" the community. Afterwards we will return to the church for refreshments.

HOSPITALIZED: Miss Joy Hamilton at County; Mrs. J. Mark McAdams at University Hospital, Birmingham, Alabama.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth S. Clem upon their 50th Wedding Anniversary on December 20.

OUR CHRISTMAS EVE Service of candlelight, carols, scripture, and meditation begins at 7:30 on Wednesday evening. The early hour has been set to encourage participation of all ages.

CBS TELEVISION will transmit the midnight Christmas Eve Service from First Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, Lincoln, Nebraska. The Service will be a Festival of Lessons and Carols. Dr. Otis Young is senior pastor.

IMMANUEL

How did we come to celebrate the birth of Christ our Lord?
To sing our hymns and carols, praising him with one accord?
The Christians first told of his cross and resurrection joy;
They had no stories of the birth of Jesus as a boy.

But as the message of his life expanded more and more,
They told his deeds and words of life with meaning o'er and o'er.
From cross and resurrection back to deed-word ministry,
They backed the story to his birth, with genealogy.

But at each stage they saw in him God's dear, beloved Son,
The One in whom God's reign had come, God's will was being done:
A Son who rose, who died, who worked, who taught, and who was born
To meet the needs of all who hurt, to comfort all who mourn.

But how they told of this Good News involved the ancient past;
They searched the Bible of their day for words with which to cast
The story of his rising, death, his life, and wonderous birth
That proclaimed God's great gift of love to all the folks of earth.

And so it was that Matthew made Isaiah's words to fit
The story of the Christ-child's birth, the world to benefit:
A woman bearing then a son with name Immanuel—
And now in Jesus, "God with us," always with us to dwell.

We cannot focus on his birth apart from his whole life,
That wasn't simply soft and warm but met the aching strife
Of persons hungry, sick, outcast, of people bound and poor,
Waiting for someone now to come and open heaven's door.

We celebrate the birth of One, praise God, who this has done,
Who brings the fulness of God's love, God's reign anew begun,
That reaches out to all the world with saving, healing grace
To let this planet's peoples know the joy of God's embrace.

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GLORY TO GOD
IN THE HIGHEST

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
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December 21, 1980 6:00 p.

Children's Christmas Program

PRELUDE Christmas Music Ensemble
WELCOME Children
*PROCESSIONAL CAROL "O Come All Ye Faithful" #132
*CALL TO WORSHIP Dr. Hamilton

LEADER: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

PEOPLE: For to us a child is born, to us a son is give

LEADER: And his name will be called Wonderful Councelor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

PEOPLE: Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end!

ALL: O Holy Child of Bethlehem!
Descend to us we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in,
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas Angels
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel! Amen.

*PRAYER Dr. Hamilton
CAROL "Angels We Have Heard On High" #116
SCRIPTURE Isaiah 52:7-8a Jill Bennett
John 3:16
Luke 1:46,49-50; 2:14
ANTHEM (Tim Price, Baritone)

PROGRAM The Hanging Of The Greens Youth

CAROL "Silent Night, Holy Night" #138
PRAYER Mr. Louis Wilkins
CLOSING Children
*RECESSIONAL "Joy To The World" #130

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STRUMENTALISTS
th Barbee - Clarinet
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ni Carter - Drums
en Lewis - Tuba
erry Sartin - Trombone
ebbie Scarlata - Clarinet
an Young - Saxaphone

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READERS
Joanne Gerlach
Chris Vickers
Charles Wilkins

QUARTET
Tim Price (Soloist)
Greg Price
Jeff Price
Bill Price

ACCOMPANISTS
Mrs. Mary Alice Bragg
Mrs. Aundree Price

NATIVITY
Reader - Mr. Louis Wilkins
Mary - Beth Barbee
Joseph - Alan Young
Shepherds - John Barbee
Chris Bunting
Wise Men - Daniel Hamilton
Jeff Jones
Andre Wilkins

USHERS
Bert Barbee
Jimmy Cameron

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS
Mrs. Andrea Albertson
Mrs. Betty Blanchard
Mrs. Linda Bunting
Mrs. Jane Hamilton
Mrs. Aundree Price
Miss Vicki Price
Mr. Robin Woody

SPECIAL THANKS TO:
Dr. Hamilton
Mrs. Susan Barbee
Mrs. Beth Wilkins
Jerry Johnson

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ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
Elon College, North Carolina
Thomas R. Hamilton, Pastor
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
December 24, 1980 - 7:30 P.M.

PRELUDE — Traditional Carols

*CAROL 132 — "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

O come, and celebrate the birth
Of Christ, our Lord, so dear;
Who came to fill the whole wide earth
With love, goodwill, and cheer;
Come to the festival of Christ,
The festival of love;
Hosannas sing, and praises bring,
To One sent from above. (J. G. Truitt, Sr. - 1968)

Unison: Our God and Father, we come to you rejoicing in the gift of your Son. We thank you for the Christmas Season and for all its joys. Bless us, as in our worship we travel again to the Manger in Bethlehem, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Promise of the Light of the World

CAROL 110 — "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

HIS COMING FORETOLD — Isaiah 9:2-7

Silent Prayer (You are invited to remember in your prayers the hostages in Iran, their families and other loved ones. Your prayers might include others whose captivity is degrading and dehumanizing.)

The Preparation for His Coming

THE ANNUNCIATION — Luke 1:26-33

THE MAGNIFICAT

Pastor: "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

People: For He has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden.

Pastor: For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed:

People: For He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name."

CAROL 134 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

The Coming of the Christ Child

THE PROMISE FULFILLED Luke 2:1-17

CAROL SOLO (Mary Anne Johnston, Soprano) O Holy Night

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Anthem On Christmas Night Geer

MEDITATION Bethlehem Means Hope Dr. Hamilton

We come now, with long-neglected lamps, to light another season of goodwill to all, trimming smudged wicks of love and faith, hoping to piece inner and outer darkness. We run the film of feverish lives backward toward Bethlehem - the place where we came in - find gleaming star still there and The Child, with light about His head, from whom our lamps are fed and made shining in use once more. Sing Gloria In Excelsis Deo! (G. O. Hughes - 1980)

The Service of Lights

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE CANDLES

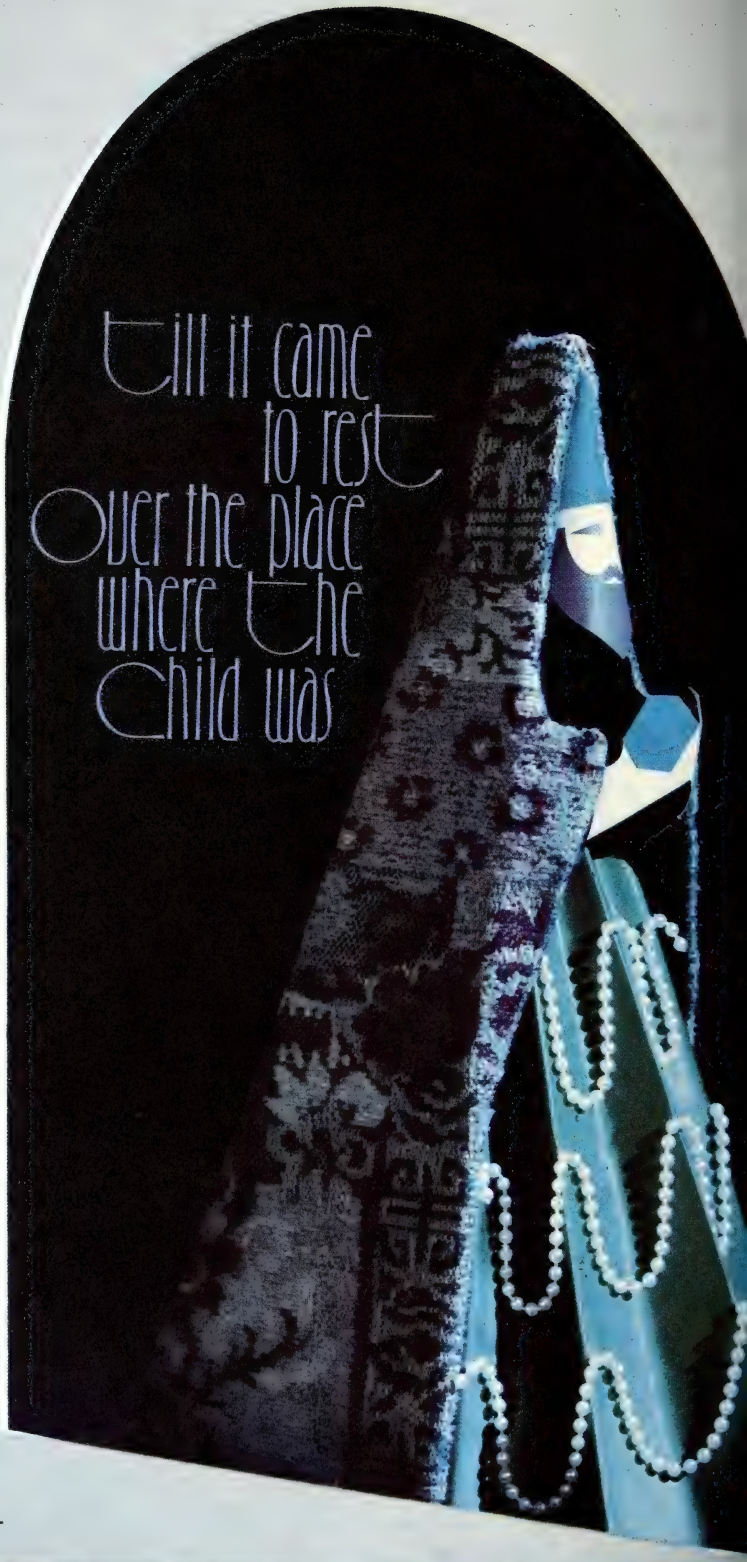
(Candles and drip-protectors for each pew are in boxes near the center aisle.)

*CAROL 138 "Silent Night"

*PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS (all uniting)

O God, who hast made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light, may the Star of Christmas shine more radiantly now than ever before the light of peace on earth. Amen.

*BENEDICTION



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Out of Egypt
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December 28, 1980 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE From Heaven Above to Earth I Come Bach
Welcome and Announcements
Lighting The Advent Candles
Hymn 140 "What Child Is This?" (st. 1)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: The words come to us from Simeon: ". . . My eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

People: A light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel."

Unison: The Christmas Light places a radiance around life in holiday season, for all seasons.

INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN 141 "The First Nowell"

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23
Colossians 3:12-17

ANTHEM SOLO To The Queen of Heaven Dunhill
(Ellen Barney Williams, Soprano)

SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People

THE OFFERING
Offertory Solo Come Unto Him Handel
* Cong. Resp. 125 Good Christian Men Rejoice (st.3)
* Prayer of Dedication

SERMON Gifts of the Season Dr. Hamilton

*HYMN 143 "We Three Kings of Orient Are"

*BENEDICTION
* Cong. Response 116 "Angels We Have Heard" (st.1)
*POSTLUDE Hallelujah Chorus Handel

*Indicates when the congregation stands

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended to all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the guest register in the narthex. Greeter of the Day is Mrs. Gladys Hughes.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Dr. and Mrs. Clyde L. Fields in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Stone and Mr. and Mrs. Bradie Fields.

WE GLADLY WELCOME the return visit of Doug and Ellen Williams. Ellen is our soloist of the morning.

COLLEGE STUDENTS will hold their annual get-together this evening at 7:30 at the parsonage.

A NEW YEAR'S EVE celebration for the whole church family is planned by the Men's Fellowship. There will be games, television, and refreshments. Come about nine o'clock or so.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Rich as they celebrate today their 64th Wedding Anniversary.

DEVOTIONAL GUIDES for January-February are available in the narthex.

THANKS from the Church Staff for all your kindnesses and remembrances.

OTHER: Mrs. Kate McAdams is recuperating nicely as a patient at University Hospital, Birmingham . . . The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated next Sunday . . . The Service of Installation will be held January 11 for all newly-elected officers, committees, and boards . . . Articles for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

ANNUAL REPORTS from each committee and organization are due January 7.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 28, 1980

MATTHEW 2:13-15, 19-23

A famous painting, "Repose in Egypt," depicts Mary and the Babe asleep between the body and front paws of the Sphinx, while light from the child's head illuminates its face. The Sphinx suggests riddle and Egypt suggests mystery. "Our human caravan goes its way before the face of a vast question mark," observed the late George Arthur Buttrick. The enigma of human evil, the riddle of human good, and the mystery of human death always loom about us. But upon them shines the light of Christ, who answers venturing faith with wisdom, pardon, and hope.

FROM VELLORE ... TO CALCUTTA ... WITH LOVE

As God called Jesus out of Egypt to the city of Nazareth, so God continues to call men and women out of India, out of Germany, out of your hometown, to go . . . to Calcutta, to St. Louis, to Timbuktu in Christian service and with Christian love. From a variety of places God calls people today to go in service!

Dr. Suranjan Bhattacharji, a young physician who is a member of St. John's Church in Vellore, India, is a graduate of the Christian Medical College, an institution long related to our United Church Board for World Ministries. Not long ago, Dr. Bhattacharji learned that the homes for children and the aged and the clinics run by the Roman Catholic Missionaries of Charity (the order of Mother Theresa in Calcutta) had no doctor in regular attendance. He looked for a way to offer his services. Christian Medical College, which received his services for a certain period of time in return for his subsidized medical studies, released him, and Dr. Bhattacharji was commissioned by St. John's Church and sent by the members as their missionary to Calcutta.

This example of service has motivated at least four other doctors from Vellore to go to Calcutta and serve with the Missionaries of Charity for varying periods of time. In response, Mother Theresa has now opened homes for children and for destitute aged in Vellore. She also holds weekly clinics in two other places for which St. John's Church has organized a roster of doctors from its congregation to serve—with love.

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